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This is the first of a series of articles which will be run from time to time on the retirement system. This instalment will deal with retirement eligibility.

## YOUR RETIREMENT SYSTEM

the service requirements when he reaches age 62 or 70?

- Q. How many kinds of retirement are provided for in the retirement law?
- A. Five. They are known as age, optional, disability, 25-year discontinued service, and 5-year discontinued service.
- Q. Is there a minimum service requirement?
- A. Yes. Five years of civilian service are required before annuity benefits may be paid in any case.
- Q. Is there a compulsory retirement age?
- A. Yes. Any employee who has served at least 15 years is automatically retired at the end of the month in which he reaches age 70, unless he is continued in service by Executive order. \* \* \* Under certain circumstances, a retired employee may be reemployed without any break in service.
- Q. Are heads of departments and other Presidential appointees subject to automatic retirement?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Are any employees exempted from compulsory retirement?
- A. Yes. Certain employees in the legislative and judicial branches of the Government are exempted.
- Q. What is done if the employee does not meet

A. He remains in Federal employment until he completes the 15-year service requirement, unless he is separated for another reason (for example, reduction in force).

- Q. Will the employee forfeit his rights to any annuity if he resigns or is discharged after reaching the compulsory age, but before completing the required 15 yrs.?
- A. If he has completed 5 or more years of civilian service, he is entitled to discontinued-service annuity from the first of the month after he is separated; if he has completed less than 5 years, he may receive only a refund of the deduction taken from his salary.
- Q. Under what conditions may an employee retire optionally?
- A. An employee is eligible for optional retirement upon meeting one of the following age and service conditions:
- (a) Age 60 with 30 years of service;
  - (b) Age 62 with 15 years of service;
  - (c) Between ages 55 and 60 with 30 yrs. of service, but on a reduced annuity.

- Q. Must application for optional retirement be made before the employee is separated from the service?
- A. No.

- Q. When does the annuity begin in optional retirement cases?
- A. It begins on the first of the month after separation, or on the first of the month after termination of pay status if the employee met the age and service requirements at that time.
- Q. What rights has an employee who becomes physically or mentally unable to carry on his duties?
- A. An employee who becomes totally disabled for useful and efficient service in the grade or class of position held by him may be granted an annuity provided he has completed 5 yrs. of civilian service. However, if the employee has already reached age 60 with 30 yrs. of service, or age 62 with 15 years of service, he is eligible for optional retirement and may not retire on account of disability.





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IT'S HISTORY

This month brings the final chapter in the Seattle Story. "Plans were made in 1929 to construct a modern government building over tide flats beside the Union Pacific tracks that would house an Immigration Station, with an assay office on the fourth floor. After renting the building used for the Assay Office for all these years we finally moved into a home of our own, and in February 1932 the office was opened for business in brand new quarters, with the original machinery installed. It was used until the office closed in 1955. The staff at that time included John Blomquist, Charles Bretland, Ward Cole, George Goode, T. G. Hatheway, Garfield Marsden, Perry Meyers, Charles Parcell, Albert Sherman, Charles Tedford (retired - 88 years old his last birthday) and Norris Warren. Charles Bretland and Albert Sherman were with the office to the end. Now a change of Administration occurred about this time, and Mr. George L. Swarva was duly sworn in July 1, 1933, as Assayer in Charge. In July of 1934 the Gold Reserve Act went into effect, bringing the price of gold up to \$35 per fine ounce. With it came a "gold rush" of another kind, and tons of scrap jewelry flooded the gates. In those days a license was required for the various types of buyers and sellers of gold, and issuing them necessitated enlarging the files to a great extent. Once again the Seattle Assay Office found itself swamped beyond capacity. The retiring Chief Clerk, Charles Parcell, was succeeded by Charles Tedford, the staff moved up to fill vacancies and additional employees were hired. Total employees numbered nineteen, the most ever on the rolls at one time. Gold production was nearly tripled, setting all-time highs in the succeeding years with a peak in the fiscal year 1941 of values received amounting to over \$30,000,000. At the same time, our office was delegated to be the only government agency to do commercial ore assays on gold, silver, copper, zinc and lead, having taken over the work of the Denver Mint.

Came the Pearl Harbor incident and the props were knocked right out from under the gold business, and coming with the announcement from one of our big producers, Alaska Juneau Gold Mining Company that it was shut-

ting down operations, the machinery in our office slowed down and the furnaces cooled off with an abruptness that left a hollow echo receding into an abyss from which there was to be no return. With the exception of a slight flurry for a few years after World War II, we were through. Half the personnel were called for duty in the Armed Forces, a quarter were transferred to other Mint institutions, and the balance, a skeleton crew, were left to perform jack-of-all trade duties. Reassignments were widespread - melters filled in as clerks, assayers took over melters' duties, and clerks did guard watch. In the twinkling of an eye, so to speak, in comparison with the forty-odd years of outstanding public service, the Seattle Assay Office was reduced to almost insignificance as a member of the Mint family.

We would like to go back over the days we spent there and recall certain memories that appeared as important events in making up a story such as this. If memory serves us correctly, one of the largest nuggets ever to come across the counter was received December 17, 1940 - valuation, \$1,600. The first and only woman ever to be on our payroll in all the 56 years of existence was Miss Anne C. Martin, who was employed as a stenographer from 1935 to 1942. The alertness of our police protection service was put to test more than once, inadvertently, I might add, but they always came through with flying colors. Particularly the first time, on March 30, 1938, when eight carloads of police responded, surrounding the building on all four sides with drawn revolvers and a sub-machine gun. The surprised guard on duty gaped in awe and his surprise was exceeded only by the disgusted grimaces of the thwarted men of the law. It seems that because of the extreme sensitivity of the alarm system installed in the large vault, the circuit was closed simply by the bouncing of a ball on the ceiling on the floor below, directly underneath the vault! Another time the janitor accidentally slopped an extremely wet mop against a floor trip, causing a short that brought six uniformed officers up in the elevator with pistols cocked for action. During the 1930's the Seattle Assay Office had some outstanding marksmen (of which Harry King was one Ed. Note) and a representative was sent to Washington, D. C.

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DON'T DRIVE  
LIKE LIGHTNING  
YOU MIGHT  
STRIKE  
SOMETHING!

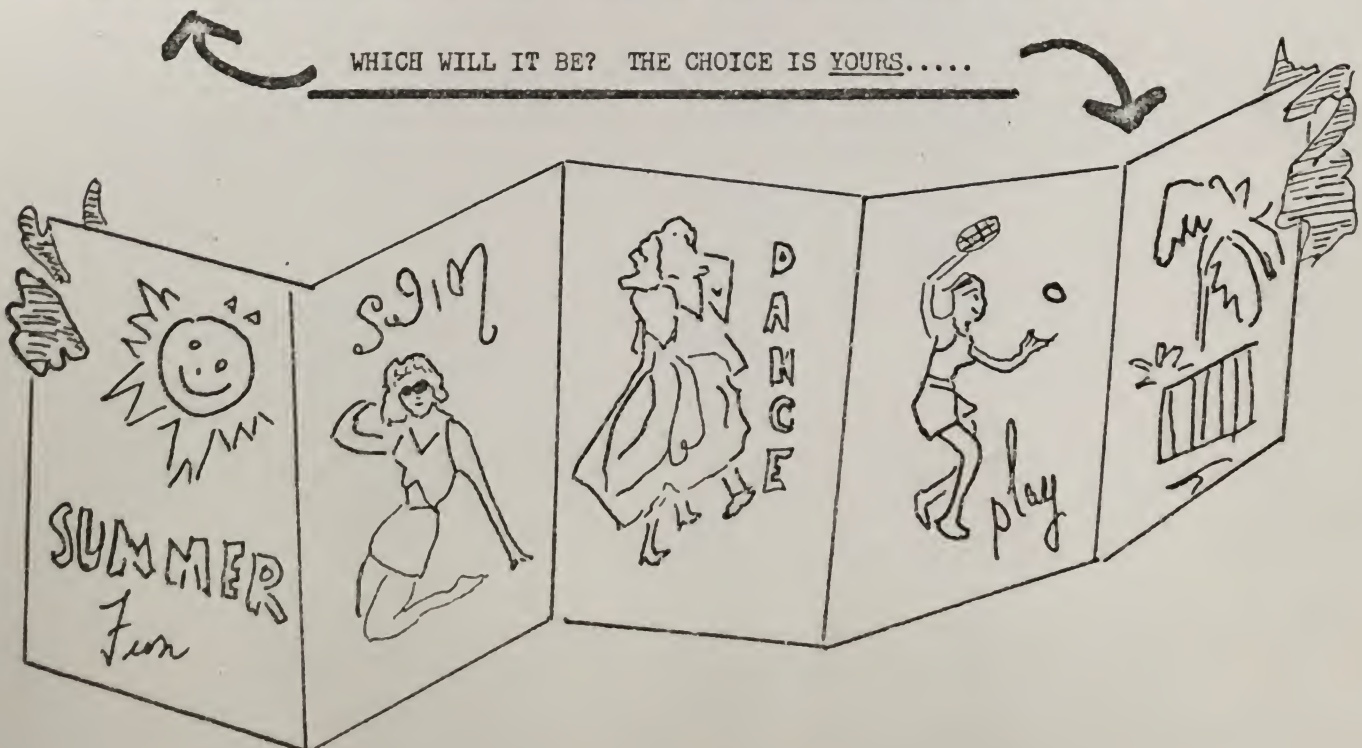


Comes this season of the year and the National Safety Council begins shuddering in its boots. Summer is nigh - those long weekends stretch blissfully ahead and the Nation takes off to the beaches, to Aunt Mary's - the mountains. And those beautiful new cars (and the not-so-news)....their owners just can't wait to get 'em out on the open road to see how fast they'll go. No matter how exhilarating it may be to cruise along at 90 mph plus, passing everything in sight and impressing the rest of the world with your driving prowess you, YES! YOU are a menace, not only to yourself but to everybody on the road. It requires but a fraction of a second and WHAM-O, somebody gets a free ride with the local Rescue Squad or his name appears in the papers, in the column marked Obituaries.

Radio and TV facilities and tons of newsprint are utilized every year to drive home to the riding public that the responsibility of operating an automobile is, indeed, a responsibility. More than that, to operate one safely and sanely is a moral obligation which is unshirkable and non-transferable. And the passengers are equally as responsible as the driver! How many times has the driver's attention been diverted by some horse-play or commotion in his car, diverted just long enough for him to lose control and have an accident?

How about a few deadly statistics? On last Memorial Day - a day set aside to decorate the graves of those who gave their lives in war - more people met sudden death in traffic accidents than were killed in combat in the Spanish-American War. MORE AMERICANS HAVE BEEN KILLED ON OUR HIGHWAYS IN FIFTY YEARS THAN IN ALL OF THE WARS IN OUR 175 YEARS OF AMERICAN HISTORY. Why do we accept with apparent complacency the fact that each year between 32,000 and 38,000 of us will be doomed to an untimely death through carelessness on our highways?

WHICH WILL IT BE? THE CHOICE IS YOURS.....







# SWEEPS CELLAR



The pleasant odor of fine (?) Havanas which permeated the New York Assay Office last month has been traced to the Make-Up Room. It was a new granddaughter for the SAL RUSSOS in the person of Ann Marie De Meo. Gramps has had to get himself a new supply of silk shirts built roomier in the chest area....MARTHA WARD Records Officer (DOM) is basking in the Florida sunshine for the next two weeks, much to the envy of her fellow-workers....Less than a year ago it was reported here that EMMA VAN CAMPEN, Philly's proof coin merchant, was sporting a brand new Nash Ambassador. Evidently the ash trays got filled or the clock needed winding for Emma just accepted delivery on a new Mercury hardtop..... Bureau-ites will bid goodbye with regrets to JOANNE COYLE, Accounting, who leaves to accept employment in private industry. Denver also boasts two new grandfathers, GUARD ROBERTSON and MYRON SHIRE, both of whom have darling little granddaughters....Friends of CHARLES BARNES, Guard at Fort Knox, were saddened to learn of his accidental death by drowning May 1st.....Busto's Bistro rang with merriment a couple weeks back as friends of AL RYAN - Assay Dept., N. Y. - gave a bachelor dinner in his honor. M. C. chore was able handled by PAUL MCGUIRE. BILL HUBEN and several other old friends reviewed Al's past in embarrassing detail. Congrats, Al.....GRACIE MILLER, Philadelphia Personnel Officer, has joined the "Let me go, Blubber" chorus - claims a loss of 11 lbs. On her, it looks nice! JOE BOLAND disregarded Dr. Tidball's advice and embarked on a diet of cheesecake and GAINED 14 lbs. - on HIM it doesn't!.....A little birdie tells us that wedding bells will ring for JOANN HOFFMAN (DOM) on June 4th....And Dan Cupid scored a couple of bull's eyes at New York last month. The willing victims were JOE MINERVO, ace grapple manipulator, who dashed off after the ceremony on a Florida honeymoon, and PETER KNELL, electrician. The Knells have decided to defer the honeymoon until later in the year....MRS. META MINETREE, Secy. in Gold Unit DOM, has just returned from an enjoyable motor trip to Arkansas via the mountainous section of Tennessee....Denver is busy welcoming two San Francisco Mint "transferees", MRS. LOIS SULLIVAN, their new Nurse, and COLLIN T. LASCY, Coining Division....The Philadelphia administrative office seems more natural now that PEG BAINBRIDGE is back at her desk following an extended illness....Denver archives are richer by one set of original construction plans of the Mint Building, yellowed with age and dated 1897. Seems a local attorney discovered them in the effects of his wife's relative and presented them to the Mint....How would you like to have 406 school children come to visit you? Well, that's what happened at the Denver Mint not so long ago when the children and their chaperones made the tour. It was

an unprecedented number for a single group but Mrs. Schneider reports that it was uneventful except for the gum they left behind!.....After 37 years' service, HARRY M. HILL, roller at Philadelphia, is calling it a career, and retiring May 31st. Happy loafing, Harry....News of the deaths of two former employees of the New York Assay Office saddened their many old friends and associates. PATRICK HUGHES, who retired from the M & R Dept. on June 30, 1951, died in his home in the Bronx after an illness of several months. DENNIS MCCARTHY, who transferred from the New York guards to Internal Revenue on June 2, 1945, passed on last month rather suddenly, at the age of 56.....The Philadelphia Daily News is running a circulation gimmick wherein the names of Philadelphians are hidden throughout the paper in various columns - the payoff being if you spot your name you win \$10.00. If your name is capitalized, you win \$50. One of the early winners, and capitalized, too, was MARY ELLEN RENYE, Philadelphia proof coiner. When? On her birthday!.....More wedding bells, this time IV PEGUES and Mrs. PAULINE FOWLER recently united in marriage. Place - Denver....Members of Philadelphia's 1,000 hour club (sick leave) include the following:

Henry Calas .....	Jack Karbowski ....
Danny Costanzo .....	Earl Loser ....
Hy Friedman.....	Johnny Murray ....
Frank Gasparro.....	Charlie Moroff ....
Frank Gerould.....	Jake Pepper ....
Wally Hallman .....	Joe Petrone ....
Joe Hart.....	Clarence Shook ....
Paul Heckman .....	Mart Steinetz ....
Bill Joyce .....	Bill Thesing ....
Bill Tidball .....	Frank Walker ....
Walter Young .....	<u>CHARLIE</u>

BLANCHARD, who retired from the Denver Mint last month said, when he took his job at the Mint 33 years ago, "I knew it was only going to be temporary!".....You know, of course, that the zinc-coated steel cents retired from circulation are sold for scrap. MR. A. L. PHILIPPUS, GUARD NICOLA and MARION E. NEWMAN accompanied a shipment to Pueblo, Colo., recently, from Denver. The cents were sacked in regular coin bags and then placed inside sealed metal containers in which the Mint had received nickel. The 98 containers were unloaded by a magnet capable of lifting 10 tons. It picked up from 5 to 10 cans of cents at a time, then dumped them on small rail cars which were then pushed in front of the melting furnaces where a machine picked them up to place them in the furnace. It took only about 30 minutes to unload and charge the furnaces with 17½ tons of cents....GUARD HARRY SEALS is retiring this month, after 21 years of Mint Service. His Denver buddies wish for him a well-earned rest, luck and happiness.....





# SWEEPS CELLAR



Denver is bemoaning the fact that their record of 335 days without a lost-time accident was broken just one month short of a full year. However, it was a wonderful record which reflected what is possible with cooperation and the exercise of caution. Undaunted, they are out to set another!....Mr. and Mrs. SCHNEIDER, Denver's, took a vacation trip to Phoenix a short while back and had a visit with former Denver guard BILL MYERS and his wife, Florence, also a former employee.....A "Coming of Age" party was given by Mrs. MARSHALL REDDISH, wife of Denver's esteemed Assistant Superintendent, to a group of employees who have been in the service for 21 years. Invited, in addition to MR. REDDISH, were Messrs, PHILIPPUS, KENNEDY, MERRILL, SEALS, GILPIN, WOODROW and SCHROCK. The supporting cast included all the wives, plus Mrs. JENNER and Mrs. LAIL and Miss ARM-BRUSTER.....Enjoying his retirement and pursuing his hobby of painting is Denver's "BUTCH" WHEELER. We understand that he done some really beautiful scenes of the Rockies..... The Bureau's AUDRY SMITH went to Richmond on a visit and while there was invited to drop by the Federal Reserve. She was royally treated and toured every nook and cranny. This was interesting for her because her work is in connection with our coin shipments. They sent her a copy of the Bank's publication "The Observer" and lo and behold! there was a write-up, complete with a real cute picture of Audry!.....Sunday, March 13th, the Colorado State Rifle and Pistol Assoc., Central Div. Pistol League sponsored the Central Division Gallery Matches on the YMCA range. The Mint Pistol Club paid all fees for any members wishing to participate in this shoot and was represented by 8 shooters - CAPT. WIDMER, GUARD NICOLA, GUARD STAHN, JAMES GLADE, MEARL KENNEDY, GEORGE GODFREY, ED GREENO and MANLY THIGPEN. They say competition was heavy and the only booty brought home was an electric popcorn popper won by ED GREENO. His first competitive shooting, too. How about that?.....Wanna hear a real Western thriller? This is about two Denver employees. One is WALTER MATTSO (Press Room) and the other C. C. HILL (Review). A short while back Mattson received his pay check and stuck it in his shirt pocket. Upon leaving the Mint he discovered it was gone. He hadn't missed it until he went to pay a bill downtown. The check was found a day or two later on top of the canopy of the First National Bank! The finder was not identified and Secret Service released the check to him the next day. C. C. HILL had his 1950 Chevy Sports Coupe stolen on a Saturday evening. He had taken it out of his garage and parked it at the side of his house in order to take his wife to the depot to catch a train. The car was recovered by the Auto Theft Division of the Denver Police Department. No damage to

the car and only 70 extra miles added on the speedometer.....

## Brain Teaser



The Assayers should like this:

**GIVEN:** 10 Franklin half dollars. All identical in size and dimensions. 9 of the 10 identical in weight. 1 is off-weight (either lighter or heavier).

**PROBLEM:** Find the half dollar which is off-weight and determine whether it is lighter or heavier than the others.

**LIMITATION:** Use only a balance scale and make not more than three weighings.

**TIP:** a complete solution to provide for all permutations and combinations requires more than 10 steps.

**ANSWER to March quizzzer** is an induction coin. An apparatus for transforming a direct current, such as an ordinary battery current, by induction into an alternating current of high potential - called also Ruhmkorff coil, spark coil, jump-spark coil.

## !! NOTICE !!

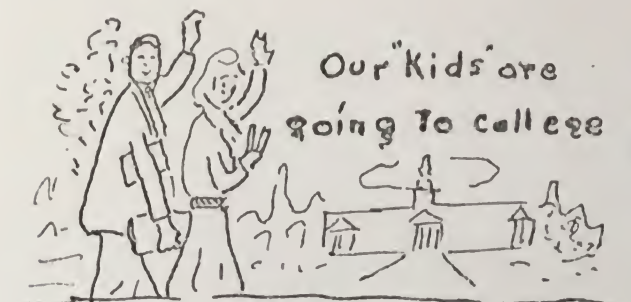
Wage adjustments based upon a survey of prevailing rates in the New York area were approved by the Treasury Department Wage Board on May 5, 1955, effective as of that date. The average cents-per-hour increase amounted to 11 cents.

**Personnel Manager:** "Young man, do you have references from your former employer?"

**Applicant:** "Yes sir. Here's the letter. It reads:

"To whom it may concern. Sam Smith is leaving after working for us for three weeks and we can truthfully say we are satisfied."





Armed with rosy red apples, with faces brightly scrubbed, waving pennants and wearing their colorful beanies, an even dozen of Philadelphia's administrative force sallied forth last month to the opening sessions of the Special Courses for Federal Employees being conducted at Temple University.

The program, sponsored by the Philadelphia Personnel Council, the U. S. Department of Agriculture Graduate School and Temple University, is offering courses in Federal Accounting Procedures, Federal Management, Government Procurement and Human Relations in Supervision. The courses are heavily attended and to all indications have representation from nearly every Federal activity in the area.

It is not believed that the names of the "Minters" will be found in the line-up when Temple opens its football season, so their names are listed here:

Ann Philippi	Willard Boyce
Emma Van Campen	Lewis Tidball
Bertha Taylor	Jake Pepper
Grace Miller	Martin Steinetz
Betty Schoenek	Victor Harkin
Anastasia Gowen	

The apples were for Earl G. Loser and Frank E. Campbell, of the Philly Accounting Division, who have been designated instructors for the Accounting Courses!

#### IT'S HISTORY (Cont'd from pg. 2)

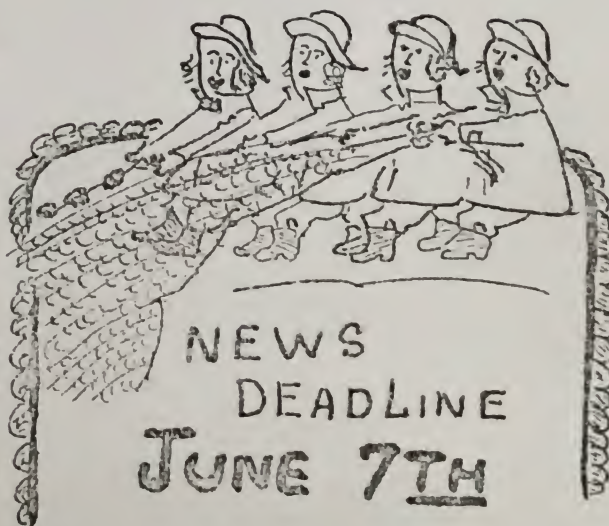
for the finals, who came in second place with the Mint. Since then age has crept up on the grester portion of our force, whittling down to zero our marksmanship. That, coupled with the fact that our force was small, precluded any further participation in pistol matches. We once had an elderly guard with us who was keen on practicing trigger squeeze on dry runs only this time the gun was not so dry! A bullet whizzed through the west window, causing quite a stir of excitement among the immigrants downstairs who thought World War II had started prematurely. Some of the characters encountered during our time will long be remembered, like the fellow who made a pest of himself time

and again by coming to the receiving window and whispering to one of us all about his dreams concerning Chinese gold buried in the mountains. He attempted to get some of us to go in with him, or to stake him to the supposed claim. We never could find out just the exact location. He was far too foxy to give away his secret. Another one who travelled all over the southern half of the States and claimed Seattle as his residence, would send along with his scrap gold jewelry a various assortment of queer notes announcing his enterprises -- new types of bath salts, washing soap, etc., which he claimed to have invented himself. Rocks of all shapes and descriptions would come in from every state in the Union for our inspection, and each one was given a visual analysis. Some of the packages contained brass filings, an odd collection of colored glass, and pieces of just plain scrap iron. Nothing was too big or too small to merit a courteous reply, describing the contents. All these, and many other memories will stay with us who leave the Seattle Assay Office, as nothing else can. Looking back over the years, we can truly say that ours was a unique position, dealing with a substance known to Man the world over, and from whence empires were built only to be destroyed, yet a substance in itself indestructible - GOLD!

Assayers in Charge who served during the years were:

Fredrick A. Wing	July 15, 1898 to Feb. 1, 1906
Calvin E. Vilas	Feb. 2, 1906 to Sept. 14, 1914
John W. Phillips	Sept. 15, 1914 to Sept. 9, 1921
Thomas G. Ratheway	Sept. 10, 1921 to June 30, 1933
George L. Swarva	July 1, 1933 to Feb. 28, 1955.

(Editor's Note: Harry King put forth a great deal of time and effort to assemble the facts in this very interesting story. We are, indeed, indebted to him.)





## THE DRUMS OF ALOR !!!

Illustrations and content.....N'Yawk..

The principal currencies of Alor are metal kettle drums called mokos, and brass gongs. Pigs may also be regarded as a limited currency, while arrows are used as small change. Mokos, together with gongs, are the most highly valued possession of the natives and serve as their principal store of value. They are also used in current transactions as a medium of exchange. Most trade is done in the form of barter. There appears to be a fixed ratio between pigs and mokos. A pig is worth a certain type of moko, valued at about five rupiahs. The mokos differ in value considerably, but conform to a complicated standard with a fixed ratio between the various denominations. Drums and gongs form an indispensable part of bride price which largely accounts for the persistent demand for them. The purchase of a wife is not a single transaction, but a series of highly complicated exchanges between the two families concerned. Burial feasts, too, lead to a series of transactions in pigs, gongs, and mokos.



The monetary system of Alor is highly developed and extremely complex. By far the most important part played by mokos and gongs is in the sphere of credit. The total circulation of mokos, estimated to be about 20,000 - serves as the base for an inverted pyramid of credit structure not unlike our own system. Wealth on the island consists essentially of a series of outstanding credits, not of accumulated property. Natives are busily engaged in looking after their drum and gong investments, or are trying to find drums and gongs to repay their debts. Those owning a number of these valuables are not happy until they have succeeded in lending them - if only in order to protect them from being seized by their creditors. It always requires an immense effort to force debtors to pay, and festivities which provide occasion for it are the scenes of furious haggling between debtors and creditors. Should a pig be killed accidentally, a ceremonial feast of one sort or another is improvised in order to justify its consumption, and since festivities provide occasion for creditors to collect their claims, it often happens that creditors shoot their debtor's pig in order to find such an opportunity for forcing him to pay up! When creditors assemble in the debtor's house in order to collect the drums and gongs the latter owes them, their own creditors, in turn, are also present in order to lay claim to the drums and gongs the moment they change hands. The result is that in addition to the quarrels centering on the liquidation of the principal debt, there is also a series of subsidiary quarrels being waged on the side.



Alor is a small island in the Dutch East Indies to the north of Timor, and a happy one, at least for the women. It must be the place that chap had in mind when he wrote "It's a Woman's World." In deference to the weaker sex, the boys permit the ladies to do all the more interesting work such as tilling the soil, building the huts, slopping the pigs and doing all household chores. We have it on the authority (probably prejudiced) of Cora du Bois, who wrote "The People of Alor" that in any case, the men have no time for such relaxing activities as they have a full-time job looking after the highly involved financial system. Of course, Cora might

even attempt to draw a nasty parallel between the custom followed on Alor with respect to the division of labor between the sexes and our own, wherein the boys perform their arduous (?) 8-hour stint in air-conditioned offices while the ladies have the fun of staying home and caring for the children and performing all of the manifold, interesting (?) household tasks.





I'M RETIRING

.....F. Karl Stevie

For fourteen years, I've stood the gaff  
Of quips and laughter, chit and chaff  
But now it comes my time to laugh  
I'M retiring!

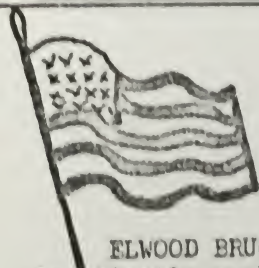
I'll soon be free from all this toil  
Dirty duds with grease and oil  
These dainty hands no more I'll soil  
I'M retiring!

I'll soon be out where skies are blue  
Good clean, fresh air to make me new  
I'll often stop and think of you,  
Who toil and spin and spend your day  
In endless tasks, while I make hay  
- I'M retiring!

I'll snore in bed 'till half past eight  
No more I'll rush to crash the gate  
I'll take my time, let others wait  
I'M retiring!

I'll stretch out underneath the trees  
I'll dream and dream and take my ease  
I'll talk to birds and flowers and trees  
While you poor hicks will toil to please  
I'M retiring!

(Ed. Note: Mr. Stevie retired May 13th, after  
14 years' service at the Denver Mint; employed  
as Machinist "A". Happy days, Mr. Stevie.)



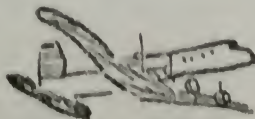
PHILADELPHIA COUPLE  
PLAN  
GERMANY TRIP

ELWOOD BRUCE, medal maker at Philly, is  
impatiently marking time and looking forward to  
the start of his dream vacation. Elwood, to-  
gether with his charming wife, Marie, will take  
off by plane on June 3rd for a six-weeks' vaca-  
tion in Germany, the highlight of which will be  
his first introduction to his wife's parents. Their  
immediate destination is Ludwigsburg, where Mrs. Bruce's father, Gustav Sieber, is Burgomeister.

During World War II, Elwood had been within twenty miles of the home town of his in-  
laws, but had been unable to locate them due to the migration that was necessitated by the  
intense bombings.

Mrs. Bruce has not seen her parents for many years, although this will not be her first  
return visit. One visit she recalls quite vividly. It was in 1939, and Mrs. Bruce decided  
to celebrate the President's birthday by flying the "Stars and Stripes" from the Sieber  
residence. The local Gestapo evidently never heard of Barbara Fritchie, and this little  
antic was not greeted with wild enthusiasm on their part - in fact, they invited Mrs. Bruce  
to get out of the country in 24 hours - flag and baggage!

Mrs. Bruce can plant flags to her heart's content on this trip - Ludwigsburg is in the  
American Zone.



HIT THE ROAD!!

The Mint institutions are about to be  
invaded by those sharp-eyed, inquisitive  
beings who go poking about in every nook  
and cranny about this time each year to see  
if the lists check. You guessed it! These  
modern Hawkshaws are the settlement teams -  
embarked on their annual inventory of the  
field plants. According to latest reports  
the following members have been designated  
to serve:

<u>Institution</u>	<u>From</u>
<u>SAN FRANCISCO - JUNE 13</u>	
Tobin, George - Chairman	New York
Evans, Albert B.	Fort Knox
LaGras, Leonard	New York
Beston, Edwin	Denver
Shumate, Bailey	Denver
<u>PHILADELPHIA - JUNE 13</u>	
Probey, Arthur C. - Chairman	Bureau
Tevlin, John T.	New York
Lundy, Vincent P.	New York
Miller, Fred A.	Denver
Jamieson, John D.	Denver
<u>DENVER - JUNE 6</u>	
Tidball, Lewis C.	Philadelphia
Gardelle, William	New York
Bocher, Bunnie R.	San Francisco
Boley, Morris V.	San Francisco
Cline, Clyde L.	Bureau
<u>NEW YORK - JUNE 13</u>	
Miller, Charles M.	Denver
Carr, John R.	San Francisco
Pepper, Jacob	Philadelphia
Scanlon, Joseph E.	Philadelphia
Reed, Roger R.	Bureau



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## SUPERINTENDENT'S ROUNDUP

We discontinued our Mint newspaper with the June issue and decided not to start again until we had a Superintendent's Secretary. Since we only had two Secretaries, Mrs. Barton for Personnel and Mrs. Lail for everybody on the first floor, it seemed unfair to add to their work by getting out the paper. Those of you who told us you missed the "news" and requested that we start it again had a little longer wait than we expected.

You will notice the Editor has a new name and that, combined with what we laughingly call the Superintendent's "Art Work" has made up our new heading using Mint green for a little color. Hope you like it!

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A new Superintendent's Secretary reported for work November 1, so we introduce to you Mrs. Dorothy Haberl. She came from a Civil Service register and is unknown to any of us so all of you welcome her with a "Hi" whenever you meet her so she won't feel strange very long.

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The Denver Mint Employees' Association is the new name of the old Welfare Committee. The change was made from Committee to Association because now each employee will have an equal voice in the organization. President Crabtree and Treasurer Glen Woodrow have worked hard on a set of bylaws for the Association which will broaden the participation of all employees in the activities. The Director sent us a suggested set of bylaws which could be adjusted to fit our needs and still be allowed under Mint regulations.

The bylaws have been circulated for your suggestions, then will be amended or accepted by your vote when we meet at the Christmas party.

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The Wage Board survey is under way. Bill Manning called his committee together October 21. It is comprised of Bruce LaFollette, Charlie Miller, John Jamieson and A. L. Philippus. Employee representatives are John Morr, Bill Johnson, Ben Hoglund and Mark Burkgren.

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The ten and eleven hour shifts are grinding out pennies at top speed, but the demand is so great we still have to make up shipments by almost grabbing them directly from Walt Kasubke's boys.

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John Jamieson is smiling these days about the cooperation of the G.S.A. in replacing all of

the old plumbing pipes throughout the building. After 50 years of use there were continuous leaks which caused plaster to loosen and did other damage also.

Another job they have done for us recently is to lower the ceiling in the Accounting Division. In winter time it was impossible to heat the room and the men claim they had to work in their overcoats. Whether that was true or not their tears and wails got results. Now the Division is being painted and will look very nice.

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Lou Rhoads is handling our Christmas candy orders. Stovers has informed him the orders must be in and paid for by December 1. The boxes come wrapped for mailing and will be delivered here for distribution December 19.

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The officers of the Denver Mint Employees' Association are wondering how we can put on as good a Christmas party this year as last, and not have it cost any more than it did then. We have an idea: How about all of the sportsmen we have in here coming to the aid of the party. We have heard some of them brag about their fishing successes - and others who boast about their abilities as hunters. Anyone want to donate a mess of trout or give us a venison or elk barbecue for Christmas?

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Has the Superintendent fallen for the Guards? The answer is "Yes," literally!

Last Thursday afternoon when it was pouring rain I stepped inside the front door and slipped on the floor and fell headlong. I had turned to tell Joe Blount and Bill Rodgers, who were leaving, to "bundle up because it was turning cold" when down I went.

Bill and Joe and Guard Fiest helped me up and Guards Widmer, Niccola and Capit did proper commiserating.

There is nothing that makes you feel like such a perfect fool as an unexpected tumble. However, from that experience we will keep the rubber mat at the front door whenever there is moisture underfoot and maybe prevent someone else from falling.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S ROUNDUP  
(Continued)

How about that Wayne Dixon? He took his Chevvy to Viner's for a grease job, looked at the 1956 models and was signing up for a new one before he knew it. Couldn't resist a bronze and beige color job.

THE DENVER MINT EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION

By: A. Crabtree, President

We are happy to have our Mint paper back in circulation and at this time I would like to make a brief report on our activities since this Committee was elected in January.

The vending machines are our only means of obtaining money which keeps this Association functioning. We have to contact wholesale houses and vending machine companies in order to obtain the best buys for our machines; as our profits are very small, a fraction of a cent makes a great difference.

In May we had a reduction in force, which means fewer employees and less money coming into the fund. Since January we have paid retirement gifts to six employees, we have sent flowers to thirty-four sick employees or their relatives, we have had the pleasure of sending flowers to seven new mothers, and are very sorry to report sending five funeral sprays. We now have coffee, milk, pop, candy, peanuts and gum machines. Our latest addition is a pastry machine, so now there is no excuse for you going home either thirsty or hungry. And as we have progressed financially in these past months, we will have a Christmas party again this year, which was voted for in our recent poll of all employees, which means plenty of work and planning for the committees which we will appoint.

We will post a complete financial report of the Association in December. We have tried to make the decisions that were to the benefit of all employees, and as our term of office expires in January, there will have to be five officers elected for next year - you might be one of them!

FREILINGER'S SON IN GERMANY

2nd. Lt. John Freilinger, who graduated from Colorado State College of Education in June, is now stationed in Frankfurt, Germany. He is Personnel Officer for the 19th Communication Construction Squadron of the 12th Air Force. He is the son of Joe Freilinger of the Refinery Cell Section.

Mr. & Mrs. Jim Cosby flew to Washington, D.C. for their vacation. They stayed there a week sightseeing. Jim is so glad his wife works for United Air Lines!!

CASHIER'S CORNER

By: A. L. Philippus

Nice to know that this little publication will again be on the market.

We now have a new clerk in the Cash and Deposits Division in the person of Mr. Robert E. Berner, thus introducing him to those of you who may not have met him. He's a little fellow, standing over 6 feet in his stocking feet, and we can now take on any two guys in the Mint, at once. "Bob" comes to us from Longmont, having been with the Reclamation Service there.

Now that Mearl Kennedy and Bill Johnson are back from their "trips," we prefer not to discuss their adventures. So far as can be ascertained, Kennedy came no closer to any elk than their tracks, and as to Bill's dancing the hula-hula, or other steps, no demonstration has been offered.

Thinking that plugging a 110 machine into a 220 box would make it run twice as fast, Mearl hooked a counting machine up in this fashion. Result - plenty of smoke!

COIN BLANKS

By: Gordon Porter

Mr. & Mrs. Wm. "Bill" Steinmetz are the proud parents of a 9-lb., 7-oz. boy.

Clabe Hill has been sick - nothing serious, we hope!

Porterfield is about over his black eye. He says he got it rolling up his plastic hose; it caught when he went to jerk it loose; it flew back and hit him in the eye.

We wonder who is "Lover Boy" in the Rolling Room?

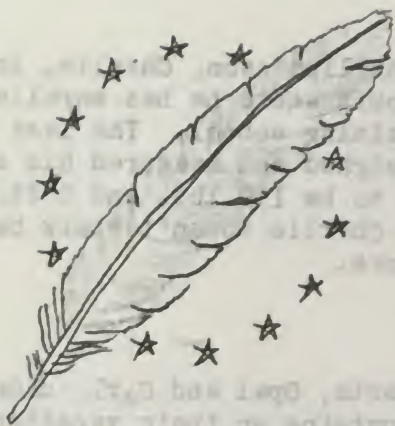
FROM THE DIVISION

By: Assay Cupel

We hope that there will be a big enough pail to hold all the popped buttons when "Grandpa" Merrill returns from Pittsburgh, Pa., where he and Mrs. M. have been visiting their daughter, Emma, son-in-law Dick, and the two-month-old twin granddaughters the past week.

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# Mint Employees Donated \$ 1000.24 to the COMMUNITY CHEST

## UNITED FUND CAMPAIGN

The Annual United Fund Drive came to a successful conclusion in the Denver Mint on October 31, 1955. We reached 100 per cent participation. One hundred and fifty-two employees pledged \$1,679.92 designated to the following charitable organizations:

<u>Society</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Cancer	\$ 193.97
Cerebral Palsy	16.00
Community Chest	1,000.24
Crippled Children	1.00
Heart	29.00
March of Dimes	183.34
Muscular Dystrophy	1.00
Red Cross	296.81
Sister Kenny Foundation	1.00
Tuberculosis Society	2.00
Reserve - 3%	45.56
Grand Total	\$1,769.92

The average pledge this year was a little higher than last year when over 200 participated. A far greater number also paid their total pledges immediately and we have approximately 60 per cent of the total amount already in with a full month yet to go on collections.

I wish to thank all the employees and especially the division heads for helping so much on this drive. By getting the pledges in early and helping in the collections, it made possible this final early report.

## TRIGGER ALLEY

By: Marion E. Newman

We have not had a paper since June so I would like to pass on to all, and especially to the shooters of the Mint, that the trophy award for winning the Director of the Mint's pistol matches was awarded to the San Francisco Mint with a score of 1533. The remaining five finished in the following order: Fort Knox, 1530; New York, 1487; Denver, 1394; Philadelphia, 1339; and West Point, 1169.

All shooting activities have been at a standstill since that time, but should increase in the near future. There will be a meeting of the Pistol Club at 7:00 p.m. November 3, for the purpose of planning our winter program. The presence of all members is urged. Any other Mint employee who is interested in becoming a club member or in participating in our winter matches is invited to attend.

The following Guards and their families enjoyed vacations in September and the first two weeks of October: Guard Capit journeyed to Oklahoma, Sgt. Taylor drove to Houston, Texas, the Newman family to the Pacific Northwest. Guard Gresh came back from his vacation and announced his marriage to Genevieve Crow. We all wish Gresh and his wife a long, happy marriage. We now have only 2 eligible bachelors left on the Guard Force. How about it, Captain Widmer and Guard Zuckerman?

Guards Nicola and Nelson both reported success in deer hunting and have their freezers well filled.

Our condolences to Lt. Harry Batchelor on the death of his wife.

After a prolonged illness it is nice to see Tommy Maloney back on the job. Since returning, he has submitted a suggestion which in all probability will make him richer by ???\$.



The latest news on Bailey Shumate -- still at Presbyterian Hospital -- not doing too good -- maybe if we just sent a card (5140 Clay St. or to the hospital) it would let Juanita and Bailey know we are thinking of them.

How many of us know that Cecil & Mrs. Gray have a new son-in-law? - Mr. Harold E. Conrad, an Electronics Engineer with Douglas Aircraft. The newly-weds are making their home in Tuscon, Arizona. To them: GOOD LUCK!

....and then there was the man who was too busy to take time out to eat -- the tombstone will be set in place tomorrow.

By: Mal Nutrition

Until next time - we will be cupelling along.

#### HOT CHIPS

By: Buzz Lathe

Mr. & Mrs. Ben Hoglund took a trip to the Pacific coast the first part of September, going by way of Salt Lake City, where they enjoyed several sightseeing jaunts - Carson City, Lake Tahoe, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Hoover Dam, Gallup, New Mexico, and home via Alamosa. They spent a couple of joyous weeks at San Francisco with their children and grandchildren which, of course, was the highlight of their trip.

Norman Engblom took a fishing trip last August up in the North Park, Williams Fork and Glenwood Springs areas where he did a lot of loafing around (said he took it easy in his motel). But you know, there is always a multitude of bathing beauties in those hot water pools at Glenwood - Oh! Yes! He took his harem along with him - can you imagine a fellow taking four women with him on a fishing trip? As for catching any fish - he flunked!

Jim Glade was going to take a trip on his vacation this summer, but he didn't get any further than the back yard, where he rocked his new and first grandson; Jim, Jr., and his wife came up from the Ardmore Air Force Base to visit the Glades. The grandson's name is "Michael" - I guess two Jims is enough for one family.

Did you see the nice job Paul Thomas did on repairing that electric furnace that cracked up the other day? Paul Thomas and Ray (Green) Grass sure do good work all right!

Charlie Phillips' son, Charlie, Jr., left for St. Louis where he has enrolled in a trades training school. The last time Charlie weighed and measured his son he found him to be 199 lbs. and 6 ft., 4 in. tall - so Charlie doesn't "talk back" to him any more.

The Borcherts, Opal and Carl, didn't go up in the mountains on their vacation this past summer - no need to for they have the mountains in their large backyard. Big and little trees of all kinds, rocks, ledges, ponds, shrubs, bird baths, etc., at the beautiful new home on Corona Street, which Carl painted while on vacation. It took him a long time to get out of the back yard I am told. The paint job in the kitchen is simply lovely - Opal did that, though.

We see by the Denver dailies that Mark Skinner was highly honored at the Rocky Mountain Consistory the other night when he received the degree of K.C.C.H. for his outstanding community work which he has been doing all of his life. Every day our work is lessened by something that Mark had done or work material he had stock-piled ahead so that we wouldn't be wanting - he could do most anything and do it well. We surely miss him and his conscientious attitude around here!

We are having a beautiful Indian Summer again this fall. Many get dandy color pictures of the aspen, mountain ranges, etc. Turtle doves were plentiful this season; the deer, elk and bear were high up on the high-tops, making the kill small so far, but a storm is in the making at this writing which will drive them down within reach.

"Killer", W. C. Tipton, was one of those who went forth with blood in his eye, jaw set with determination, biceps bulging, husky hands ready to "rattle" the first bear he should meet down to earth, grind his flesh up into bearburgers and nail out its hide for a rug - but he came back with nary a thing.

Come next issue we will have more to report about the big game season.

P.S.: We have something in "black and white" to report on someone who is "more or less" to be in next issue - so watch!



MAKING UP THE PAYROLL  
IN THE GOOD OL' DAYS

By: Lou Monahan

Making up the payroll these days is just a little bit different from the work that was involved in the early 1920's. It is not only more involved but more confusing and how one man can keep all the present records in the Payroll Office is one of the mysteries of the Mint.

The payroll used to be made up in the Chief Clerk's office, and typed, added and checked. A receipt was also made out for the net amount that the employee was to receive. Of course, at that time there were only three columns to be typed - the gross amount earned, retirement reductions and the net amount - and that was it.

On pay day each employee would come into the Chief Clerk's office and sign his name after the amount he was to receive. He was then given a receipt to the Cashier and he would proceed to the Cashier's office and receive his pay, which had been put up in pay envelopes, turning the receipt over to the Cashier.

The Cashier's office always had the job of filling the envelopes and it was common in the early days to receive gold coins in your pay envelope - not too many, of course, and very few double eagles.

Now the Payroll Division really has a task in figuring out the payroll. First they start on the left hand side of the payroll which is the gross earnings, then comes retirement, then the Federal tax, then the bond (if any), then social security (if you are under that status), then state withholding tax and finally your insurance, and you get what is left. However, that does not begin to tell the whole story in preparing the payroll. The Government must also match the social security, which is an additional calculation, and it must also match the insurance which is still another calculation. So you can see from a beginning of only three columns, there are now eight columns to be figured and checked before you receive your green slip every two weeks.

It used to be my job to type the payroll, which I did to the best of my ability, and then send it to the Cashier's office where Mr. Krueger and Mr. Philipps, and later on with the help of Mr. McLaughlin, filled the envelopes with the money. It is to be noted here that Mr. McLaughlin was helping to make up the envelopes long after they quit paying in gold. It is not known whether Mr. McLaughlin's employment in the Cashier's office had anything to do with stopping our payments in gold or not. Nevertheless, it happened about the time he came into the Cashier's office so you may judge for yourself.

At one time here we had two payrolls, with

the regular employees being paid on the payroll of the regular appropriation and the other payroll was for the temporary employees paid out of the Silver Purchase Act Funds. It used to be the job of the people making up the payrolls to juggle the names of the employees from one payroll to the other in order to have enough money to pay everybody and still come out even with the appropriations.

Several times it was only a question of hours before being paid, as to whether the men would be laid off due to the lack of funds in one appropriation. I recall one Saturday noon which was a pay day that we had not received the Silver Act Funds for paying the employees on the temporary payroll and, of course, we had to notify them then not to report to work the following Monday morning. At exactly noon, we received the telegram from the Bureau that the necessary funds were allocated, so we had to stop everybody at the front door to tell them to be sure to bring their lunches the following Monday as they were rehired again.

At another time the employees on the temporary roll on the Silver Purchase Act appropriation were paid for a period of two months while the regular employees did not receive pay for two pay periods due to non-appropriated funds under the regular appropriation. However, it was lots of fun in wondering what was going to happen next and in getting the right amount in each envelope without coming out with a loss to the Government.

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Our "absent minded professors" or what happens to our cars if we fail to shut the motor (or radio) off when we park them?

Ask Rooney - he knows! After all, his parked car only used enough gas for a round trip to Cheyenne - and the radio in his pickup only blared away until it ran the battery down!

Dixon knows too - that is the real reason behind his new 1956 Chevrolet. He just burned his motor up. Some people would say it's better to do that than burn up your wife - twice too!

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Otto Kollander says the men are "talking turkey" for Christmas, that is -- of course, he hurt Mearl's feelings - Mearl is begging us to take a quarter of his elk!



Walter Judge, of sports shirt fame, was celebrating something on November 1st because for the second time since June he came to work wearing a tie. Looked real purty, too - hand painted butterflies.

The last word we had at noon, November 1st, is that Clabe Hill came through his operation successfully. He underwent surgery at Presbyterian Tuesday morning for his stomach ulcer.

Speaking of vacations, it seems to me that not all "Big Game Hunters" were doing their hunting in the mountains. Las Vegas seemed to be another favorite hunting ground. Mr. & Mrs. Monahan and their son, Stewart, spent their vacation there among the slot machines and the Newman's also stopped over for a few days on their vacation trip. Both Lou and Marion were starry-eyed after all that glamour, but have finally settled down and are back in the groove again. After luncheon at the Sands Hotel and dinner at the Flamingo, it is hard to settle for "The Mint Cafe."

Deadline for news for the next issue and those to follow will be the 25th of the month. Be sure and tell the reporters in each division of any news items we can use.

The more you cooperate on this, the more interesting the paper will be. It's your paper - write whatever you want. If it needs punctuating or a little changing, Henry Riddick will do it.

#### ACTON TO SING FOR IKE

Former Mint Cost Accountant, Joe Acton, is reported to be a member of the group of Post opera singers scheduled to warble before recuperating President Eisenhower at Fitzsimons Army Hospital.

Guard Rutledge has just purchased a couple of lots adjoining his house on Cherokee St. with the idea of future development. He hopes some day to have good income property there, either residential or commercial.

#### WHOSE DOLLARS ARE IN CIVIC CENTER?

The silver dollars in the glass cage in Civic Center do not belong to the Mint, the Federal Reserve Bank or the Denver banks. They belong to the Community Chest.

The original idea was that  $2\frac{1}{2}$  million new silver dollars would be obtained from the Mint and stored loose in the glass cage. Ordinarily coins are issued from the Mints only for the purpose of circulation. Since  $2\frac{1}{2}$  million dollars could not be absorbed in circulation, it was realized that it would be necessary to return them to the Mint.

Secretary of the Treasury, George Humphrey, issued a special order permitting the Mint to release the coins through the banking system for the purpose of display in connection with the Community Chest Drive. However, under Treasury and Mint Regulations it is necessary for any values coming into the Mint to be carefully checked before a receipt is issued.

The Federal Reserve Bank said that if the Mint was going to check the dollars upon their return, and hold the Federal Reserve Bank liable, they would have to check the coins upon their return before releasing the Denver banks. The Denver banks, in turn, said that if the Federal Reserve Bank was checking the dollars, they would have to do the same whenever the Community Chest removed the dollars from the cage in Civic Center and deposited them at the various banks.

The Denver banks found they didn't have sufficient facilities to count and check as many as  $2\frac{1}{2}$  million silver dollars and it was therefore decided that the amount to be placed in the cage would be limited to \$250,000.

The cage was dedicated at noon on Monday, October 24, and with considerable fanfare, dignitaries of the City and State, of the Military and of the Community Chest were on the platform in front of the glass cage. Two military bands and uniformed contingents from all the Armed Services were present.

In a brief, but well received speech, Superintendent Schneider explained the special order which had been issued by Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey and expressed the pleasure of the Mint organization in helping to make the project possible.

Due to a delay by the banks in requesting the dollars from the Mint in time, the first \$30,000 placed in the cage were taken from dollars in storage at the Federal Reserve Bank. Since that time the Mint has issued \$30,000 additional to be placed in the glass chest.



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## SUPERINTENDENT'S ROUNDUP

The Treasurer of the United States, Mrs. Ivy Baker Priest, visited us on November 10th. Division heads met with Mrs. Priest in the Superintendent's office. She was enroute to Boulder for an address before the Chamber of Commerce, then on to her home at Bountiful, Utah.

Word was received November 18th, of the appointment by President Eisenhower of S. Power Warren to the position of Assayer here. Professor Warren is a recognized authority in the Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers. As a Consulting Engineer his work has taken him all over the world. During and following the war he worked for the Government in the War Assets Administration as an Industrial Metallurgical Engineer and more recently was employed by the Atomic Energy Commission in Washington, D. C. on work of a classified nature.

Professor Warren obtained his degree in Mining Engineering from the Colorado School of Mines and later attended Queen's University in Ontario to earn his Master of Science Degree. He was Associate Professor of Metallurgy at the School of Mines when both Charlie Miller and Bruce LaFollette were getting their degrees there.

We are delighted to have him join the Staff here and know he will make a real contribution to our work.

A group of nine high government officials from Iran visited the Mint on Monday, November 14th. They were accompanied by Mr. Thomas Israels of the Staff of the Training Branch, Public Administration Division, International Cooperation Administration.

In a letter from Dr. Howard we were requested to give this Study Team every opportunity to view our Minting operations.

They were taken on the floor for a complete tour from Make-up room through the entire process. They were accompanied by the Superintendent, Mr. Miller, Mr. LaFollette and Guards Stahn and Niccola.

They were particularly interested in our work since Iran has a new Mint of its own.

Because so many of you saw and wondered about our guests, you might like to know that the group included the Director of Personnel, Minister of Posts and Telegraph, Director Generals of the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Labor, and Ministry of Education, General Inspector and High Counselor, Ministry of Interior, etc. In a monarchy such as Iran's, the status of these gentlemen appeared to be comparable to our Cabinet Members.

The questions most asked and apparently difficult for them to comprehend was our 8 hour day with overtime pay for anything beyond the 40 hour week.

Their questions were pertinent and interesting and they so thoroughly enjoyed seeing the operation, it was a pleasure to have them.

One of the most interesting picture collections in existence of early Colorado is owned by Alex Rooney. His pioneer father owned many photographs taken by early professionals such as the famed William Jackson. Early stereopticon pictures owned by his family have been added to his collection of originals and all converted to 35 mm slides. One shows Golden's first six houses with Table Mountain in the background. Another the first dozen or so buildings in Boulder, Leadville, Victorville, etc.; early old wood-burning engines pulling ore-loads; the Bear Creek wagon road and old wooden bridges, and an Indian settlement of tepees on the site of the present Camp George West. Old pictures of Morrison show the old Morrison Hotel when it was first completed as a Jesuit College and before the Morrison School was built in 1875. An early flood of Cherry Creek washing out early Denver is graphically shown.

All of the pictures are collectors items and Alex is fortunate to have such an extensive set. Maybe he could be prevailed upon to show them here, some lunch hour.

Mr. Reddish and Lou Monahan each volunteered to give time to the Legion in their annual toy collection for Christmas. This year the toys will be collected in the glass



SUPERINTENDENT'S ROUNDUP  
(Continued)

chest at Civic Center which was used for the Community Chest Drive. Mr. R's day came November 15th, the coldest day of the year so far. He stayed there and became thoroughly chilled, caught the flu and spent the rest of the week in bed --- "all in the name of Sweet Charity". Lou gave a whole week of his annual leave to this effort.

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Congratulations to Earl Yeager and his wife, Mildred Baird Yeager, who has a story this month in a little magazine called "Home Town." Earl has very modestly refrained from telling anyone about his wife's talent and yet to everyone who has attempted to write, the person who sells a story has arrived. He tells us that she has sold several stories previously and the editors thought so well of this that they had it illustrated and the cover of the magazine even has an illustration about it. Next time you're in a Rexall Drug Store see if you can get hold of the November issue of "Home Town" and read about "Cricket". It is a real cute story about a lonesome little boy, with a Western background.

We all extend our best wishes to Mrs. Yeager and hope she has continued success.

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The Director Says: That we are to continue on our present coinage program through December 16th.

He is going to try to visit us during December and will then meet our new Assayer for the first time. He also is pleased with our production and the way you have all taken this schedule in stride.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Dixon visited relatives in Kansas over the Armistice Day Weekend. He took along 44 Colorado trout for a fish fry. The new Chevrolet he picked up just before the trip already has 1300 miles on it.

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Walter Tipton, who has been on sick leave, had a brief stay in St. Luke's Hospital for examination and treatment. He was home over Thanksgiving but returned to St. Luke's for surgery. He is still there at this writing and is doing as well as can be expected.

THE DENVER MINT EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION

By: A. Crabtree, President

The Committee has been organized to plan for the Christmas dinner and program which will take place on Thursday, the 22nd. We will serve a ham dinner. The Committee has been divided into four separate Committee's to handle this program.

Hugh Taylor is in charge of Entertainment, so if you can do anything in the entertainment line, let him know, he will be glad to have you. Glen Woodrow will take charge of the purchasing, so if you know of anyone wanting to donate hams, pies, etc., let him know, it will save our bank account. Otto Kollander is the man to see if you want to sit at the head of the table; he is taking care of the tables and lunch room. If you're interested in what's cooking see me, I'll be in the kitchen.

In the near future there will be a set of By-Laws posted on the Bulletin Board, read them over, for they will be voted on at the Christmas Party.

We also have appointed a Nominating Committee to take care of nominating your officers for next year. If you have a candidate, turn the name in to W. Boswell (Refining), Noel Miller (Coining), P. Nestor (Accounting).

As this will be the last paper before the first of the New Year, we would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone of you A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

CASHIER'S CORNER

By: A. L. Philippus

Among the devious kinds of "deposits" received in the Cash and Deposits Division, was some gold paint about a week ago. We expect to receive some gold fish any moment now.

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The more we learn, the more we forget. The more we forget, the less we know. The less we know, the less we forget. So, why learn more?

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One of the plumbers, installing the new copper lines, said they found a hot water line turned back into one of the cold water lines, in the old plumbing. That's what is known as blowing hot and cold at the same time.

COIN BLANKS

By: Gordon Porter

Mr. and Mrs. Al Crabtree and children drove to Laramie over the three day holiday to visit his brother-in-law.

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Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rains drove to Pueblo to see their son, Jimmy; Carl and Jim were set to shoot Quail but only got jackrabbits.



# COIN BLANKS

(Continued)

We hear that Glen Woodrow is digging through sawdust nowadays to get a dollars worth of change. Ask Howard Peirce.

L. Slauson has written a Sonata which was played at his Church last Sunday night. Congratulations.

Clabe Hill is convalescing at home after an ulcer operation.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Fred Cannon in a Los Angeles Veteran's Hospital.

H. D. Leonard has quit the Mint to re-enlist in the Army. This time he will make a career of it.

## HOT CHIPS

By: Buzz Lathe

Daniel Alex Berg's son, Allen, has made quite a name for himself in his 37 years of life so far --- First, he was always in the top bracket of his classes in grade, high school, and college. He graduated with honors from the foremost mining school in the world, "Colorado School of Mines", and is a honored member of Tau Beta Pi. He went into the Florida Everglades, designed the plant and much of the mechanical equipment for the Phosphate Company of Lakeland, where they recover the stuff from the swamps.

He is now with the Harvey Aluminum Industries of Torrence, California, as metallurgist (he, of course, is more than the name implies). He married a Denver girl whose parents live here, and has a daughter, 5, and a son, 2½. They expect to visit the Berg's during the Holidays. That is why Mr. Berg has been going around so happy lately. Also, now we know where Alex got all his designing ability --- son, Allen!

Charlie Phillips says: "I may not "talk back" to my son any longer, but believe me I sure "talk up" to him."

Cathy and Linda, the two very talented tap-dancer daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ratliff, have been on many shows lately, including the News Show Wagon, Red Rocks, and now Andy Anderson's Small Fry Talent Show on television. At this writing Joe was called away to Oklahoma because of the serious illness of his father --- we hope he finds him much improved.

Remember we promised you something in "Black & White" --- Norman Engblom loved his 1949 green

Buick; but one day he took his family up in the mountains --- that is, he tried to, but it wouldn't climb the first little hill. So, he got mad at it and to get even took it down to the agency and traded it off with an over-time parking ticket on it. He drives out in a slick, slinky Century with red plush upholstery inside, and something in "black and white" on the outside, white being on top of the hood. (Now he'll never know when it snows) He proceeds on down the avenue, is stopped by an officer of the law, who says he was speeding. Norman says he was not speeding because there is no speedometer on this crate (Crate, now!). The officer says, "Oh, yeah", and together they look, are baffled, and the cop lets him go.

As Mark Burkgren and son, Gary, with all their hunting equipment, boarded the family car to head into the pheasant country, he shouted to his wife, "Honey, have the frying pan ready when we get back, for it's pheasants for supper tonite!" Alice, being a very resourceful girl, had hamburgers ready and that's just what they had for supper --- not even a rabbit did Mark bring home.

"Pat", the little eleven year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Maloney, who is in the 5th grade, wonders why all the 6th grade boys have suddenly lost interest in her. It could be the school's "Field Day Events" last week, when she out-ran, out-threw, out-punted, out-drop kicked, and out-jumped both sexes in the 5th and 6th grades. Could be.

We are sorry to report W. C. Tipton is on the sick list. The past two weeks he has been in and out of the hospital a couple of times. As speedy recovery to you, Tip, from all your co-workers.

We are happy to report that Helmuth Philips' leg is finally showing a definite turn for the better. This is the first good sign since last June. Good sailing, Phil.

Ted Schrock's son, Tommy, has been throwing touchdown passes galore in the Young America League. He, with Bob Folsom's son, who plays end with the "Wildcats", have been burning the league up with scores in the neighborhood of 77 to 0, 65 to 0, etc., until the last game Saturday, which they lost 6 to 0. Oh! yes, something more, Ted's nephew's little three year old, Roddy, went to stay all night with his grandparents, who thought it would be nice to have him sleep with them---. They tucked him in bed comfortably, then proceeded to prepare for bed by each laying their "china choppers" on the dresser, much to the amaze-



HOT CHIPS  
(Continued)

ment of little Roddy, who scrambled out of bed and said, "I am getting out of here"!

Saturday, November 26th, Frank Urich and son, Tommy, and Alex Rooney and son, John, motored to Fort Collins to see the Aggie-Colorado University football game, which Aggies took 10 to 0, much to our satisfaction.

We haven't heard how John Jamieson has been doing in pheasant season this year, but we can guess. That's "nothing". At least, that's what we get from his promise for fowl (eating, that is).

As we came past the freight elevator in the new building, that needed emergency repairs, we noticed Tommy Maloney on the job, hitting the ball as of old. Gosh! it's good to see a fellow doing a good job like that after his recent illness. Atta-boy Tom.

MANNING BECOMES QUIZ-MASTER

Four quick brown foxes jumped over as many lazy black dogs in the Mint conference room Friday, November 18th, as personnel officer, Bill Manning, and assistant, Deloris Barton, gave typing and other civil service tests to four applicants for the GS-3 job to be filled in the Cashier's office. First time in recollection such a thing has happened here.

Seven applicants were scheduled to appear, but at exam time only four showed up.

A fire in the Guard's room on the Mezzanine floor caused considerable excitement on Monday morning. One of the contract workers replacing

the pipes throughout the building, was using an acetelyne torch to cut through some old pipes in the room, when one of the guards wooden lockers ignited. Apparently it had smoldered unnoticed for some time.

Walter Boswell who was with the crew suddenly thought he was on a battle field when ammunition started exploding. The din attracted everyone to the halls before the smoke started pouring throughout the building.

Our fire brigade answered the fire call and extinguished the blaze, with very little damage being done.

A new order has been put out to the guards that no one shall keep his private supply of ammunition used for shooting practice in his locker, it must all be stored in the vault.

George Godfrey who has been on sick leave following recent surgery on his spine, returned to work Monday.

GUESS WHO?

He is Mayor of the Hog Back  
and on the School Board of his town.  
The teachers all adore him,  
They just love his eyes of brown.

He often takes them out to ride  
On a sway backed thorobred,  
And has almost busted several homes,  
The rumors often said.

He likes to make up dummies  
Of overalls and old mop.  
The boys that have to work with him  
Would like to have him stop.

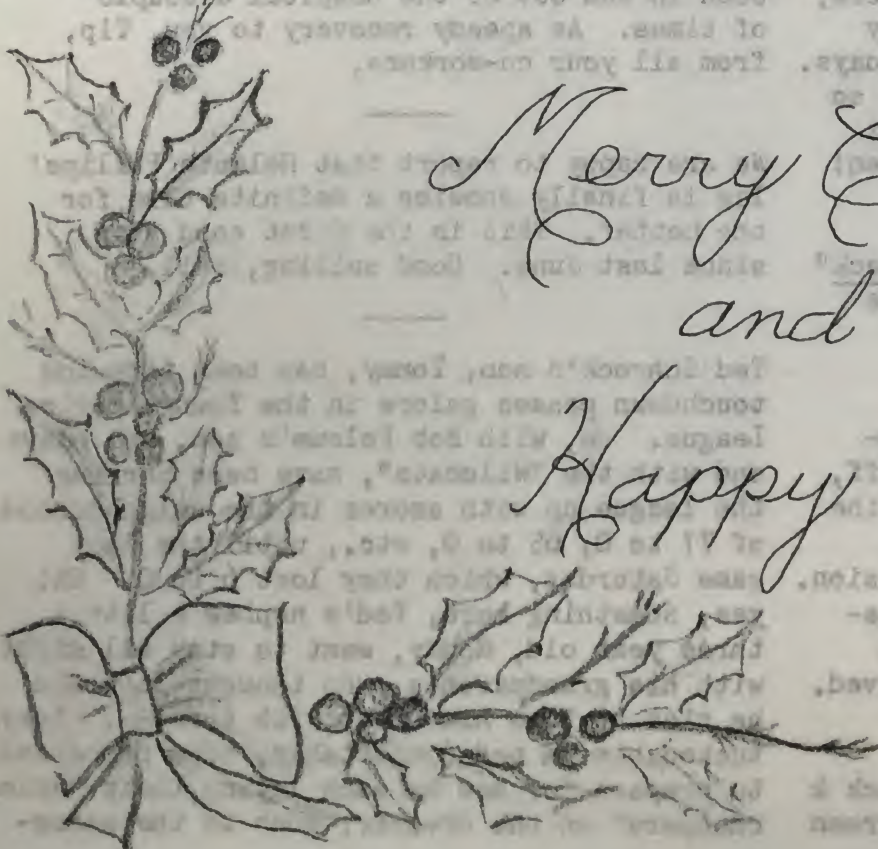
You'd think from what you hear of him  
That he is kinda looney,  
But way down deep we like him  
This doggoned -----

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*Merry Christmas*

*and a very*

*Happy New Year*





# MINT



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## SUPERINTENDENT'S ROUNDUP

The Christmas Dinner given by the Mint Employee's Welfare Association again was an outstanding success. The Committees planned, ordered and prepared a ham dinner that was excellent. The program was good and the best surprise of all was the Magic Act presented by A. L. Philippus. Santa Joe was his usual rollicking self and added the right touch to the festivities. Christmas messages from Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey and Director Brett were read. Everyone agreed that this party was one of the best.

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Assistant Director Leland Howard arrived late December 8th to authorize a second shift for the Coinage Division made up of employees of other divisions. Anyone who had ever worked in Coinage was asked to help make a night shift. Our daily production was increased to over 5 million cents a day. Saturday and Sunday production swelled the output to ease the national shortage of cents.

Everyone accepted the additional work assignments in the finest spirit possible. We are very grateful to all of you and sincerely thank you for your cooperation which established new production records never before equaled with such a limited number of men. The Denver Mint employees proved the "esprit de corps" which sets us apart from other Government Agencies.

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Mr. S. Power warren was sworn in as Chief Assayer, Monday, December 12th, just in time to assist during the absence of Dick Merrill who used the remainder of his annual leave to stay with his wife who had to undergo surgery. We are glad to report she is recovering rapidly.

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On Friday, Division Heads and their Assistants, plus Mrs. Sullivan, Deloris Barton, Helen Lail and Dorothy Haberl were guests at a buffet luncheon in the Superintendent's Office.

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Miss Betty Armbruster went to Iowa City to spend Christmas with her parents.

Bailey Shumate passed away December 7th at Presbyterian Hospital after an illness of over a year. His first surgery was in November of 1954. Following his recovery from this operation he returned to his work in January, but four months later he underwent the first of two more operations.

Mr. Shumate came to the Mint twenty years ago as a helper. He later moved to the Assay Division where he worked for many years as Assayer's Assistant. He obtained his education at Wentworth Military Academy and the University of Denver.

He is survived by his wife, Juanita, and a son, John T. Shumate.

Rose Croix Masonic services were held at 2:00 P.M. Saturday at Olinger's Speer Boulevard Mortuary. Pallbearers were Mark Burkgren, Howard Peirce, Glen Woodrow, Charles Higgins, Ted Schrock and Walter Judge.

Hugh Taylor was pleased with a story in Jane Sterling's column about the establishment of a "Code of Conduct" in Denver Schools. The story stated that the idea came from a "Code of Conduct" established in Chicago by the students at Taft High School and was fostered by David Taylor (Hugh's brother) over Radio Station WGN.

Certainly the acceptance of the "Code" would help to eliminate Juvenile Delinquency and is a wonderful project for all adults to assist in promoting. Hugh is justly proud of his brothers work in combating delinquency.



SUPERINTENDENT'S ROUNDUP  
(Continued)

January is "No Accident Month" in the Treasury Department. Let us at the Denver Mint be sure that we do not spoil that goal. If there is anything in the building that you feel is a Safety Hazard, report it at once to your Supervisor, Mr. Manning or to me. It is always important to prevent accidents — January or any other month. Remember no one is more responsible for your Safety than you, yourself.

A Happy, Healthy, Prosperous and SAFE New Year to you all.

A.K.S.

The Christmas Holidays were wonderful and the summer temperature of 73° was enjoyed by everyone. Shirtsleeve weather is becoming more frequent here than the old "White Christmas". But in spite of the warm weather Mr. Reddish was home in bed with a severe cold and not only missed our party here but had to call a doctor to his home on Christmas Eve.

Lou Monahan found the old ulcers troublesome after all the excitement at his house. (He and his wife had 15 of their children, grandchildren and in-laws home for dinner.)

Helen Lail was home sick and Walter Judge should have been. He had a bad cold and sore throat.

PAST CHARACTERS OF THE DENVER MINT

(They got away with it then.

How times have changed.)

By Lou Monahan

Rodney Hall - A converted cigar maker who became an Assistant Assayer. To him, everyone was a "savage" with other complimentary terms added.

Charlie Wilcox - A past city fireman who became a Mint guard. While on the graveyard shift one night, he crawled out of the window from the machine shop (where the Accounting Division is now located) and crawled along the second floor ledge to look into the refinery to see if the men were working or sleeping.

George Borstadt - Refining Foreman. Used to make a habit of returning to the refinery anytime between 11:00 P.M. and 3:00 A.M. to see if the boys were doing right by our Government. One night the "boys" placed a ten gallon crock of silver nitrate just inside the laboratory door (entrance to the refinery) and then turned out the lights. Borstadt entered about 1:00 A.M., knocked over the crock and received a good portion of the silver nitrate. I think this was Borstadt's last night appearance.

Jim Cain - A cowboy from Roggen, Colorado, who became a weigher at the Mint. He was no Edison when it came to electricity. He was told once to turn out the light in the weigh room. He didn't know how. But he hit the light bulb with a chair and that got results.

Ed Ford - Assistant Chief Clerk. He nearly got hit by an automobile one noon when returning from lunch. The driver stopped and Ford jumped on the running board of the car and punched the driver in the nose. This, apparently, was the wrong procedure as the driver of the car really gave Mr. Ford a shellacking.

George Bucher - Helper, Refinery. Much of the credit for identifying Harrington as the employee who was stealing gold was due to him. When the employees took up a collection to buy him a watch as a present, they were prohibited from presenting it to him, so he brought his own watch and had it properly engraved to commemorate the occasion.

Harry Beggs - Helper, Pressman. The only man that could run two presses, change the dies, repair watches, clocks, fishing tackle and what have you at one and the same time (Government time).

Pete Karpen - One time storekeeper. He once made a pair of pants and a shirt out of old coin sacks and wore them while on the job. On one of the coin sacks the words "Federal Depository" appeared in a rather startling place but it was very appropriate.

H O W E V E R

IN THESE MODERN TIMES: THESE CHARACTERS:

A GOLD BRICK

To - Ed Beston. For the fine job he and his crew of the Press Room have accomplished during the rush and overtime days of the past few months. Their skills and untiring efforts kept the presses going without a breakdown when the pressure was greatest.

To - Vern Owen - and the black room gang. That's not exactly a picnic in the melting room 11 hours a day.

To - All of the Rolling, Counting, Pressing, Weigh, Reviewing, Shipping Crew, and the Building & Machinery personnel for "Hitting the ball when the runs (coins) were needed".



# FROM THE DIVISION

By Assay Cupel

A salute to our past friend and co-worker, Bailey Shumate. We know his many friends here at the Denver Mint will miss his friendly greetings and witty conversations. Bailey - an Aspenite - came to work at the Mint in August 1934. His untimely death on December 7, 1955, leaves a spot which will be hard to fill in the Mint family.

Congratulations on the rapid recovery of Mrs. Merrill (wife of Assistant Chief Cupeller - Dick Merrill) from her recent operation and stay at Presbyterian Hospital - what powerful pills and stuff they have these days - rapid turn over - to keep the profits down - is the hospital aim - I guess.

We extend our greetings to new Division Bossman, Mr. S. Power Warren, who has his own number 3.1416....; so the Mint family here will know him as "Pi" Warren. It must be wonderful after a period of about 30 years to again have the Professor-Student relationship, i.e., Warren-Gray. Cecil T. Gray had the pleasure of being one of "Pi" Warren's students at Colorado School of Mines.

One more thought: --- Others may have their cake and eat it - we will have our "Pi".

## NEWS FROM TRIGGER ALLEY

By Marion E. Newman

The Pistol Club Executive Committee has picked two teams using the averages attained by the individual shooters during last seasons matches, starting with the two highest averages and alternating the shooters, so as to match the teams as evenly as possible. These teams will compete for a total of 16 matches, eight matches to be fired with the 22 caliber pistol and eight with the 38 caliber revolver. The highest averages last season were attained by Lt. Wallace and Mr. Jamieson, consequently they were chosen to Captain the two teams. Lt. Wallace's team is known as the Greys or "Squirts", and is leading Mr. Jamieson's Blue team, "The Jerks" by 92 points with an aggregate of 12,577 to 12,485, so you can see that all shooters have really been "squirting" and "jerking". At this time it appears that the two teams are well for a maximum of competition. No matches will be held December 27th or January 2nd.

Did you know that the portrait on "Indian Head Cents" is not of an Indian but that of Sarah Longacre, a white girl, wearing an Indian Headdress?

Everyone from "Trigger Alley" certainly enjoyed the Christmas dinner and program put on by the Employees Welfare Association, and feels that the Executive Committee and everyone else concerned with its planning deserves a word of praise.

Happy New Year to All.

## HOT CHIPS

By Buzz Lathe

The little old cocker spaniel leading the friendly old giant still passes by the Mint every morning as sure as clock work; the traffic has gotten so they know just where he will be at the five points just northwest of the building, graciously giving them the right-of-way whether due or not---the trees in front, the mail box, and fire plug on the corner are still there! The little old dog is a little older, heavier, and somewhat fading of eyesight; but with a sniffer as good as ever. I know one person who will never stand still to let the little old dog pass by again.

Betty Lou, accompanied by her chum, Margaret Sorenson of the Emanuel Lutheran nurses learning school, Omaha, Nebraska, spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Engblom. Priscilla Wamsteder of Brighton joined them over the weekend making it a pleasant week for the Engbloms.

Alex Berg was sick two of the three day holiday - not so good.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hoglund spent Christmas day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hoglund of Englewood. Saturday the Hoglunds received word from Concord, California, that their son-in-law was called to Eureka, California with the U. S. Engineers to help in the flooded areas of that state.

Whose place of business is that across the street anyway? Dale's Restaurant, Jim's Cafe or Steve's Cafe?

Frank "Doc" Wallace got a "little hitch" in his "get a long" last week, but is getting along okay this week.



HOT CHIPS  
(Continued)

"Bill", son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Clade, was home over the holidays, vacationing from his studies at Colorado A. & M. College at Ft. Collins.

The Clarence Linemeyers, the Ted Schrock's, the Charlie Phillips', and the Melmuth Philips' of the Boiler Room, all spent a quiet weekend at home or had relatives and friends in during the Christmas Holidays.

The Red Rocks Lions Club of Morrison, Colorado, gave 25 shiney silver dollars stuck to a large purple and gold "L" to a 13 year old boy who found the yule log Sunday, December 18th, which was hidden in the Park of the Red Rocks, as one of their teenager activities. The dollars looked brand new though they were made at the Denver Mint in 1921.

Jim Cosby said they will have Turkey for a while at their homestead, as his wife, mother, and he only got thru a short distance in the 9 pound turkey gracing their Christmas table.

The Wayne Dixon's took advantage of the beautiful weather and new Chevrolet to travel to Wilsonsville, Nebraska, for the Christmas vacation. Mrs Dixon became ill, so they had to cut short their visit.

FLOWERS

The Mint Employees Welfare Association sent flowers to the following:

Bailey Shumate - death  
Otto Kollander - illness  
Jack Griswold - illness  
Mrs. Richard Merrill - illness

COIN BLANKS

By Gordon Porter

We hope that everyone had a good time at the Christmas party - I'm sure I did.

Noel Miller has returned from several days Annual Leave.

Sorry to have Herman Anderson retire after such a long time. He will be missed by everyone. Herman came here to work in August 1934 and has just decided to accept a job with the U. S. National Bank. We wish him well in his new work and hope he comes back to visit occasionally.

Walt Tipton's house was broken into while he was at work. Articles taken were \$80., his son's watch, air force goggles, his own R.R. watch, etc. We are truly sorry for Walt.

Herb Taylor formerly of the Rolling Room had an operation on his back. He is reported to be doing well.

Al Crabtree is to be commended on his good work as President of the Welfare Committee.

Walt Kasubke says he spent 3 days doing nothing on Annual Leave.

Also on Annual Leave is Bill Sexton who took a trip to South Dakota to visit relatives.

Wonder why Ed Greeno only wore that rose colored shirt and sporty tie one day.

Happy New Year.

Following submitted without knowledge of the Superintendent ---

Three years have just about gone by  
Since we did meet this lady.  
She said she hoped to gain our love  
But we all said, "Well, maybe".

First thing she did was learn her job  
And brother does she know it!  
The way she handles problems  
Just shouts aloud to show it.

She listened to suggestions,  
Then sorted out the good  
And put them into practice  
Just as soon as ere she could.

The days and weeks went slipping by  
And we came to know her better.  
We found she was just what they said of her  
A real stand up go-getter.

We came to look for her cheery Hi!  
And maybe a chat for a while.  
Never once did she pass us by  
Without her friendly smile.

So now as sure as the stars above  
This lady knows she has won our love.  
No matter what problem may arise,  
We'll all be there beside her  
To help her every way we can  
Our Super Alma Schneider.



# MINT



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## SUPERINTENDENT'S ROUNDUP

February 1, 1956, was our Golden Anniversary. The Denver Mint was 50 years old as a coining mint. However, as the successor to the Clark, Gruber and Company Mint which the government purchased, we actually are 96 years old.

The Government took possession a month after purchase in March of 1863, but did not use the old equipment for coinage. The machinery remained in the old Clark, Gruber building at 16th and Market Streets, and was finally loaned to the State Historical Society.

On the occasion of our birthday observance we received the most enthusiastic cooperation of state historians, coin collectors and others interested in the early history of Colorado. The Colorado State Museum allowed us to remove the old Clark, Gruber stamping and milling machinery to our building, where a display of coins, equipment, pictures, etc., were shown.

Dr. Nolie Mumey, prominent Denver Surgeon and historian generously loaned us his complete collection of Clark, Gruber and Company gold coins valued at \$5,000. Dr. Philip Whiteley permitted us to show a part of his coin collection. Dan Brown got together a collection of 1906 Denver Mint coins and Fred Mazzula provided old pictures of the era. The First National Bank of Denver also sent an interesting display as well as a handsome bouquet.

Original equipment discovered in the building included a marble topped gold counting table, a gold counter, old seals, scales made for Clark, Gruber and Company, and other interesting items.

An authentic collection of pioneer memorabilia to show the "old" and the "new" methods of coining were found to be very interesting to our visitors.

Because of the beginning of the Clark, Gruber Mint in 1860 when Colorado was still a territory, many authentic Indian and pioneer items were displayed. Even an old 1905 Edison phonograph owned by Merle Kennedy was on display. Alex Rooney, Tom Maloney and Bill Hall brought in early Colorado souvenirs to add to the display.

All Government Agency heads were either here or represented. Mr. Thomas Gies of the Kansas City Federal Reserve Bank and Mr. Puckett and Mr. Stemple of the Denver Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank were present.

A brief program included a welcome of guests by the Superintendent, a short outline of accomplishments of the Denver Mint by Dr. Leland Howard and the historical connection of the Clark, Gruber Mint to the present Mint by Dr. Mumey. Mayor Will F. Nicholson addressed the group briefly and then all guests were invited on a tour to witness modern minting and compare with the old equipment on display.

The display will be kept through Friday afternoon and it is hoped that the families of our employees who are interested, will have an opportunity to come and see it.

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One of the pleasant surprises in connection with our anniversary celebration was the arrival of four of the original employees.

A check from an old photograph gave us names which Lou Monahan identified. Very few of those pictured are still living. Clarence Malmstrom who flew here from his home in Palo Alto, California, came to the Mint as one of the first employees in 1905. Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Spencer, W. R. Welsh and R. G. Arnold were the other "old-timers" who later got together to reminisce.

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Director Brett spent January 26th and 27th here and personally thanked Division Heads and others for the fine cooperation in working overtime to meet the November and December coin demands. He outlined plans for additional production expansion.

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Dr. Leland Howard arrived Monday to assist with our current coining schedule. We were delighted to have him here to meet our visitors on Wednesday.

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ATTENTION - MINT ATHLETICS!

By A. N. Onymous, Chairman

We know we have a good Mint Employee's Assn. that takes care of our Christmas banquets, but we are sadly lacking in the social and sports field - especially in sports. We know we have many fine indoor athletes but we also are aware that we have among our employees many well known heroes of the diamond and the gridiron that are raring to go if only organized. We are besieged constantly to organize teams that will participate in the City's sports program, and to this extent we would point out that it can be done by many of our prominent employees. Of course, it is too late now for some of the team activities, but let's get going for future years' participation.

We should start now and prepare for the football season of 1956. A very capable team of past performers are on hand to assure us of a fine balanced team of speed and brains. Your Sports Committee can vouch for (and hope they will register soon) such men as Al Philippus for quarterback, a star in his days at P.U.; Al Stahn, a great end at Molar's Barber College; Art Safe, a fullback from way back; Harry Batchelor and Tom Maloney, than whom there are no better as guards; for tackles - well, we can't go wrong on Lacey and Van Hille, they're known for tackling anything whether they're supposed to or not; and the great end from Vassar - the well-known Fred Miller; halfbacks, they're a dime a dozen at the mint - good ones too, such as Daniels, Kollander, (Riemer has left us) and Kennedy. We should stress the point that we won't take applications from anyone over 60 as we feel that this activity is a little too strenuous for them. However, those over that need not become discouraged - there's hope for you in our program. Several openings are available for ice hockey and La Crosse. Then too, we have baseball to look forward to for this summer. Immediately such well known past pros and semi-pros should sign up now. We have in mind Rieger - a great hay pitcher from Kansas; Borchert - a left-handed second baseman from I.O.U.; Berg, a wizard at short stop; McLaughlin - way out in right field, where he's always been; Dixon, who catches everything, so he may as well catch for the team. Other fast speedy men such as Duyker, Blount, Zea, Manning, Charlie Morris, Diehl, Widmer and Woodard should round out a capable ball team, even if it is full of holes.

So much for rugged individuals.

We should now turn our thoughts to the cultural and higher level thinking of forensic ability. The committee is seriously considering entering a debating team in the forthcoming speaking and debating convclave held yearly at the Colorado Institution of Arts and Sciences at Pueblo, Colo.

There is no question but we are well equipped with such outstanding examples, tried and true, of debaters like Dixon, Kennedy, Philippus, Hull and Urich. They could win, hands down, and take either side, the affirmative or negative, of the debate, however, they prefer the negative.

As for coaches, we are exceedingly fortunate in this respect. As you know, the principal duties of a coach is to tell you how to do things - and we have 160 of them.

CASHIER'S CORNER

By A. L. Philippus

The shipping season is now over, but shipments of coin are continuing just the same.

Whereas only 200,000 pieces were shipped during the entire month of January 1955, more than 34,000,000 pieces were shipped during the current month up to the 24th. This is 3 times the number shipped during the January of 1954.

More nickels were shipped during 1955 than during any other year in the Denver Mint history and total value of silver and minor coins was exceeded only in 1952 and 1953. Total value of shipments for 1955 was \$32,053,007.10. Reason for the 10¢ was because our stock of dimes was cleaned out, up to the last dime. So there you are.

Mr. Elmer Hayes, formerly employed at the Mint in the Melting & Refinery Division, is now again associated with the Mint and employed in the Deposit Melt Room, in the Cash and Deposits Division, under that good old Irishman "Bill" Johnson.

COIN BLANKS

By Gordon Porter

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Peirce flew to Las Vegas (Nevada) over the New Year Holiday. Said they had a grand time.

Nice to see Ted Fairchild, Walt Hewitt and Jim Sutterfield back in our midst.

Al Crabtree and Clab Hill invited Carl Rains to Hills Ranch in southeastern Colorado to hunt Jackrabbits. Carl says he had a good time when he got there - but oh the ride - Clab drove.



## FLOWERS

The Mint Employees Welfare Association sent flowers to the following:

Noel A. Miller, illness  
Clark Porterfield, illness  
Hendrik W. Duyker, illness  
Lawrence E. Funk, illness

## NEW LOW IN FEDERAL JOB INJURIES

The taxpayers were saved over \$10,000 last year when Federal job injuries hit an all-time low.

Uncle Sam's civilian employees suffered 7.7 disabling injuries per million man-hours worked, compared with another record low of 11.5 for employees of private manufacturing plants. The Federal injury frequency rate also shows a 21 percent reduction from 1945, the year strong efforts got underway to improve the Government's safety program.

Federal employees last year suffered a total loss of 37,974 disabling injuries, 1,982 fewer than in 1953. There were also 191 job-connected deaths, 22 less than during the previous year. The direct cost of these injuries to the Government in workmen's compensation awards and medical care was \$25,738,244 a saving of \$104,645 from the 1953 charges.

Major causes of disabling injuries last year were materials handling, 28 percent; falls, 21.8 percent; and striking against materials or equipment, 7.4 percent. The chief cause of death, however, continued to be from motor vehicles.

The following editorial by Jack Foster appeared in the Rocky Mountain News on February 2nd.

"Mrs. Alma K. Schneider, Superintendent of the Denver Mint, deserves a warm round of editorial applause for arranging the splendid exhibit recalling the 50-year history of that gold and silver institution.

By all means make plans to pay a visit; someone will show you around.

But Mrs. Schneider admitted at the ceremonies Wednesday that others besides herself, especially Dr. Nolie Mumey, were truly responsible for the historic wonder of these displays.

I have written about Dr. Mumey many times before. But always it seems he comes up with something so brightly new that you have to talk about it.

Wednesday he came up with a new minting of 94-year-old Colorado coins. Let me tell you about them.

Years ago, during that period known variously as the Era of Wonderful Nonsense or the Prohibition Age, Roland K. Goddard, of the Treasury Department, raided a secret distillery in the hills. In the raid he picked up a rare Colorado treasure---the original dies of J. J. Conway & Co.

Conway & Co. was one of the three early mints in Colorado, the others being Clark, Gruber & Co. of Denver and a banking institution in the now vanished town of Hamilton in South Park on the trail toward Boreas Pass.

Conway & Co. was located in the pioneer placer area of Georgia Gulch near the then bustling gold camp of Breckenridge. It was one of the earliest and richest camps of the state. Said Frank Fossett in his original tourist guide to the Rocky Mountains:

"... Georgia Gulch ranked next to California Gulch (near Leadville) in the yield of the yellow metal. Many are the Aladdin-like takes of fortunes made in that locality in the days of 1860-1861, when men made from \$20 to \$100 a day."

Conway & Co. began coining gold in Georgia Gulch during the summer and fall of 1861. So Dr. Mumey naturally would like to buy those original dies for his extraordinary collection of early Colorado objects.

But no soap. So the restless doctor turned to other subjects, and it was not until a while ago when Mrs. Schneider asked him to help in preparing the mint's exhibit that he thought of those dies again.

With government approval, he arranged to mint them himself. He borrowed the dies, took them to Sachs-Lawlor and there had perfect casts made of them---of goldine, a copper alloy substance.

The coins, with "Pikes Peak" on all three of them, are of \$2.50, \$5 and \$10 denominations.

Dr. Mumey had cast 200 sets of them, and these in time will become one of the greatest collectors' items among Colorado history enthusiasts.

This is the dynamic story of the beginnings of our state brought to life again. There is no board or melting pot left of that early mint in our hills. But through Dr. Mumey's imagination, energy and sleeplessness, the lucky ones can see it anew as they look at these shining new coins."



COIN BLANKS  
(Continued)

After 13 years and 27 days "Pinkie" Matson has decided to go into business for himself. He will have a Liquor Store at 4560 North Colorado Boulevard. Good luck on your new venture.

Noel Miller is home after an operation for hernia. Is reported doing fine. Best wishes for a speedy recovery.

HOT CHIPS

By Buzz Lathe

Frank Urich came up with some very timely and appropriate remarks when he was M.C.'ing the Christmas Party. He handled the job well, making it easier for the committee when they go in search for a "Master of Ceremonies" come next Christmas.

Overheard Kenneth Zea preaching a sermon the other day and if any of you think "whomping-up" poems is the limit to his abilities, then you go another think coming. Watch out Bob Ingersoll - so we have more M. C. Material - YES?

Oscar Johnson, the night melt room foreman, is the kind of fellow you like the minute you lay eyes on him. He is quiet, pleasant, easy to get along with - and an important factor in his make-up, he gets the job done.

Not only is he a good all around hand; but he and his fine wife, Mary, have two sons and a daughter all grown up. Both sons have been all over the world in World War II. Master Sgt. Ed Johnson (not Governor) is in the Air Force Reserves and has a responsible job with the Bradford-Robinson firm; they have three children. The other son, Lee, has earned a good job with the Post Office Department, he is single and says he knows when he is well off. Daughter, Margaret, is married and works at Sterns-Rogers. She and Ed have beautiful homes, one way north and the other far south in Denver, leaving Grandpa and Grandma Johnson in the middle. The Johnson family are old timers here, their forebearers having settled here in 1887. You know we like to write about people who raise children that are a credit to themselves, their parents and their community.

Are you on spanking terms with your child? If you are, then maybe that is why you do not have any juvenile delinquency at your home.

And here come the singing Hayes. We welcome back to the Mint, Elmer Hayes who has been installing storm doors and windows this past summer and fall. Now Elmer and his "Country Rhythm Boys" are storming the musical waves from the V.F.W. on West Hampden every Saturday night, and if you think Elmer hasn't a pleasant song in his heart, you should come on out and see for yourself. Daughters, Pamela Sue, age 7, and Angela Gale, age 5, are quite the singers too, and want to be featured on their daddy's band. Wife, Thelma LaVonne is a singer in her own right, but will not sing for the band. Bet if she did, they wouldn't let Elmer sing anymore. He is grooming his boys for T.V.

The Rhythm Boys are the Mastero, Elmer Hayes, guitar and singing; Paul Reynold, bass; Ned Von Beltz, piano; Vern Vinson, fiddle; Paul Crist, steel guitar; and Don Jurgens, drums.

Been listening to a lot of radio day time programs lately while on the night shift, and everybody that advertises want you to come out to their place and visit, so I did - they don't want to visit.

The following was omitted from the January Issue because of lack of space.

DENVER MINT EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION

By A. Crabtree

The Holiday Season is over and as the New Year is upon us, the outgoing committee wishes to thank all of you for your cooperation during the past year. We feel we've had a very successful year, even our Christmas Party turned out very good, everyone seemed to get enough to eat and enjoyed the entertainment afterward. The By-laws were accepted with no contrary votes. The Nominating Committee had the new officers selected, with the approval of all the employees, there was no further nominating from the floor. Your new officers for the coming year, in case you don't know, are:

Mark Burkgren, President  
Kenneth Zea, Vice President  
Joe McGinnis, Secretary  
Glenn Woodrow, Treasurer  
Earl Yeager, Director.

Speaking for the outgoing committee, "It's been a pleasure to serve you" the past year. We've enjoyed having the opportunity to re-organize the old welfare fund and get the Denver Mint Employees Association started. Wishing all of you a Very Happy New Year.



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## SUPERINTENDENT'S ROUND-UP

Miss Eileen Lusby spent two weeks here to assist with personnel expansion for our increased coinage program.

Notices for helper (general) examination were issued February 10th. For the first time mechanical aptitude tests will be given under the auspices of the 10th Regional Office of the Civil Service Commission on March 9th at the New Customs House Building.

Applications numbered over 300 at the time of closing on the 27th.

The Wage Survey has been sent to the Treasury Wage Board by the Bureau and we hope to have approval shortly.

Noel Miller has returned after his recent surgery. Albert Kellan will leave Friday for a similar operation.

James J. McLaughlin, the genial Head of the Accounting Division, has been speechless lately. He celebrated the Washington Birthday holiday by undergoing a tonsillectomy at St. Luke's Hospital. His throat was too sore to even whisper.

Clifford Hicks and Mike Gallardo have returned to employment in the Coinage Division. Tom Storey a former employee returned last month.

We are sorry to report that one of our more prolific writers who contributed regularly to our little paper says he "is through".

Last month he got into the field of fantasy and humorously dreamed about athletic and other teams comprised of our employees.

Unfortunately some of those he mentioned were not amused by his article. We thought it was funny, but as long as you fellows didn't, how about you doing some writing for the paper to fill the column he formerly wrote.

You all know who he is and you also know he would not offend any of you intentionally.

The following was omitted last month due to lack of space.

## NEWS FROM TRIGGER ALLEY

By Marion E. Newman

Here it is February and time once again to start thinking of the "Director's Match".

The Director's Match is an inter-mint pistol match held each fiscal year for the purpose of promoting and maintaining high proficiency and interest in marksmanship of Mint personnel. All employees of the field institutions are eligible to compete.

The rules for selection of the individuals constituting a six man team for competing in the final match are as follows: Each institution holds a try-out match from which the five highest shooters of each classification are selected, i.e., Marksman 210-239, Sharpshooter 240-269, Expert 270 or over. These shooters then compete in a preliminary match to select the two highest shooters from each classification to fire in the final match. After the final match the scores and targets are forwarded to the Director's office from where each institution is notified of their respective standing.

The winner of the final match is awarded the Director's Trophy, a specially designed plaque inscribed with the year it was won, and the names of the participants of the winning team. In addition each competitor of the winning team receives an inscribed gold award for marksmanship.

The Denver Mint has won this award only once. That was in 1949.

In my opinion Denver has as many good shooters as any branch of the Bureau. Although I am not familiar with the training program for shooters in the other institutions, I believe that Denver has as adequate a program and as good facilities as any, so far as instruction, pistols and ammunition are concerned. This being true, why has Denver shown so poorly in matches since 1949? Is it because of improper utilization of existing facilities? Is it due to improper instruction or the inability of the shooter to absorb the instruction?

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NEWS FROM TRIGGER ALLEY  
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I don't believe it is any of these. One thing for certain we are adhering to the rules.

Regardless of past performances, if the six finalists will utilize the existing facilities to a maximum, and with their instructor try to determine their faults, then strive to correct these faults, I believe that 1956 can be our year to again win this trophy.

CASHIER'S CORNER

By A. L. Philippus

Reply to Mr. Any Mouse's column in the last issue.

He has me listed (but not signed up yet) as a quarterback on the Mint football team. Now anyone who's lucky enough to get a quarterback from me has got to do some pretty tall talking. However, I'm glad to note that I am listed with the alumni, where the brains are usually centered.

And then I am scheduled to participate in the newly organized (or disorganized) debating team. That's just up my alley, for if there is anything I like, it's to be opposed to something the other fellow advocated. For instance, Chas. Riemer was retired for disability, but the committee ruled he was not entitled to the usual gift of \$25. Therefore, since I can't wait for the debating team to get organized, I'm going to shout off before the other fellows get a chance!

The old by-laws, under which Riemer retired, read as follows:

"The payment of \$25.00, if the funds are available, upon retirement after a minimum of 15 years service, or upon being forced to retire at the age of 70 or thru disability."

Now all you guys get ready and debate that one. I'm taking Riemer's side, and so is A. N. Onymous, so we positively know we won't be on the negative side. (And don't any of you guys say we didn't have the money in the fund, otherwise how could we have had a Christmas Party.)

Anyone wishing an orchestra can secure Elmer Hayes' unit. He has a 6-piece band (fife and drum), or for smaller groups a 3-piece dance unit (piano, stool and player).

In every institution there seems to be a NIT - who to make the monthly paper has to write a little bit, he makes insinuating comments at some other one's expense and then to form his own disguise he signs "A. N. Onymous".

F. Urich

COIN BLANKS

By Gordon Porter

Al Crabtree was called to Nebraska early this month on account of the death of his grandmother. She was 90 years old, she had lived in the community 90 years and in the same house 73 years. This is indeed a record.

Ellis Morgan was notified of the death of his mother in Illinois. He and his brother drove back to her services.

Glad to have Jimmy Hicks back with us again.

Bill Duyker spent a few days in St. Luke's Hospital the early part of this month.

Noel Miller is back after his hernia operation, says he feels fine.

C. Porterfield spent several days in the hospital with a kidney stone. He still has it. Better luck next time.

HOT CHIPS

By Buzz Lathe

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Engblom, Norman Jr., his wife Pat, and their two children, made a flying trip to Kansas this weekend in the new Ford station wagon belonging to Norm Jr.

The way that little cedar tree in front of City Hall was bending way over, the way city folks grabbed their hats in the breeze here, we can imagine the kind of wind out in the plains today they drove through on their return trip from Lindsburg, Kansas.

That reminds me, we were in Kansas visiting Cousin Jake during the holidays; we arrived at Cousin Jake's with a full tank of gas (the last time we were there he filled our tank with fuel oil, the generous soul).

As we started to get out, cats swarmed all over the pickup. My wife jumped out, slammed the door shut and killed a cat. She screamed so loud it startled me so I slammed the door in running around to see what was the matter and killed another cat. Jake was undoing the gate, saying "that's OK we got plenty cats left, in fact I keep this gate tied up to keep this cat in so it can't get out."

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## HOT CHIPS (Continued)

Just then it did get out and ran straight to our pickup. We left it parked sort of idling and gas started to pour out of the spout. Mr. cat raised up on his hind legs with mouth outstretched skyward, gulped down a couple of swallows, then squatted down. Then he came up in the air about four feet with his tail like a balloon, his back like a porcupine, then a Mee-e-e-a-r-o-o-o-o-o-w-w-w! He hit the ground - Snort! P-s-s-s-t! Sputtered! And like a shot up the road he went in a cloud of dust. Cousin Jake: "Aw come in the house we have a lot more cats". We noticed a long chain tied to a concrete post and asked Jake what he did with that? He said, "Aw that's our wind barometer, when the wind lifts that straight out in the gale we don't pay too much attention to it, but when it starts snapping those  $\frac{1}{2}$ " lengths off, we hit for this here storm cellar.

Later on we started home and as we topped the little hill west of Jake's, we saw that cat by the side of the road, laying on it's back with all four legs sticking straight up in the air --- He had run out of gas!

Charlie Phillips moved from northwest Denver down on Alameda, high on a hill where their front room has an unobstructed view of the Rockies. We towed his "hot rod" (well, not exactly his hot rod, it belongs to his son who is away at school) over to his new home. Some car too, nickel plated motor with copper effect, etc., all teenagers gave it the twice over several times on the way over --- probably wondering what those two old "goofs" were up to.

We are sorry to report Helmuth Philips is out for some time with his sore leg now. We hope for a full recovery, Phil old pal.

Bill Hall with his mother and the help of others were instrumental in getting the Civil War Cannon installed on a Lyons stone marker out west of the city where Highway 6 and 40 cross. It commemorated the last connecting link of the Grand Army of the Republic. It was dedicated a year ago last Memorial Day by high State Officials. Colorado is the last state to complete the ceremony.

Last fall vandals completely demolished the marker with a charge of dynamite, blowing the 400 pound cannon 237 feet across the highway. Had cars or people been passing, it would have been fatal. What possesses the minds of those so wantonly bent on destruction is truly hard to understand.

## HOT CHIPS (Continued)

On the film "Water Resources" which Louie (Dusty) Rhoades showed Thursday, we learned that each individual is supposed to have 100 gallons of water daily to get by on. If you have ever tripped over that monstrous cup Doc. Howard Pierce brings up to the lunchroom every noon, you know Doc surely gets his waters worth.

Following Article is circulating at United Air Lines -- Submitted by Jim Cosby

### THE ART OF GETTING ALONG

Sooner or later, a man, if he is wise, discovers that life is a mixture of good days and bad, victory and defeat, give and take. He learns that it doesn't pay to be a sensitive soul; that he should let some things go over his head like water off a duck's back. He learns that he who loses his temper usually loses out. He learns that all men have burnt toast for breakfast now and then, and that he shouldn't take the other fellows grouch too seriously. He learns that the quickest way to become unpopular is to carry tales and gossip about others. He learns that back-passing always turns out to be a boomerang, and that it never pays. He comes to realize that the business could run along perfectly well without him. He learns that it doesn't matter so much who gets the credit so long as the business shows a profit. He learns that even the janitor is human and that it doesn't do any harm to smile and say "Good Morning," even if it is raining. He learns that most of the other fellows are as ambitious as he is, that they have brains that are as good or better, and that hard work and not cleverness is the secret of success. He learns to sympathize with the youngster coming into the business, because he remembers how bewildered he was when he first started out. He learns not to worry when he loses, because experience has shown that if he always gives his best, his average will break pretty well. He learns that no man ever got to first base alone, and that it is only through cooperation that we move on to better things. He learns that bosses are no monsters, trying to get the last ounce of work out of him for the least amount of pay, but that they are usually fine men who succeeded through hard work and who want to do the right thing. He learns that folks are not any harder to get along with in one place than another, and that the "getting along" depends about ninety-eight percent on his own behavior.



FLOWERS TO:

James J. McLaughlin - illness  
Joe O. Ratliff - illness  
Helmuth L. Philips - illness  
Eunice Riddick - Baby girl

Following submitted by Gordon Porter.

SIXTEEN TONS

A Secretary's made out of brains and nerves.  
Ten busy fingers and a few nice curves  
Her back is weak - so's her head, I guess  
Or she never would have gotten into such a  
mess.

I was hired one day when the sun didn't shine  
Never should have signed on the dotted line  
I was sent to work for a Division Chief  
I'd have been better off if I'd gone on relief.

He gave me sixteen tons of letters and stuff  
Stencils - Reports - the going was rough  
I took one breath as I finished my chore  
Along came the boss with sixteen tons more.

Sixteen tons - what do you get?  
Much, much older, and wearier yet  
Someone please call me so I can flee  
Before this dog-gone job makes a wreck out of  
me.

If you bring me more work you better step  
aside  
Some bosses didn't and some bosses died  
My typewriter's heavy - my letter-opener steel.  
If one doesn't get you then the other one will.

Captain Widmer went to the hospital Tuesday  
morning to get treatment for a boil on the top  
of his head. It turned out to be an infectious  
wen that had to be removed. Now he can talk  
about his "aching head" and get real sympathy  
from everyone.

Henry Riddick waited a long time before becoming  
a benedict. Everyone though he was a confirmed  
bachelor, but once he found the right girl in  
our Eunice he was a changed man.

He will admit, if you twist his arm, that his  
little son is probably the smartest child he  
has ever seen. Now they have a darling new  
daughter and he will start all over with a new  
set of superlatives.

Helen Lail waited all winter to catch a cold  
until the first warm days of spring when the  
meadow larks were singing. Then she got a  
lulu!

We have new duties imposed on those in the  
front offices and everyone else who has to  
go up to the second floor. They either  
climb the stairs or have had to learn to  
operate the old 1906 elevator themselves.  
The only trouble is the elevator is al-  
ways upstairs when anyone wants to use it.

We all are waiting for the day the  
Superintendent (who runs them all, freight,  
passenger, etc.) throws a breaker and gets  
stuck between floors! That will be the  
time!!!

In the meantime poor Bill Manning continues  
to lose weight running up and down two  
flights of stairs everytime he has business  
on the first floor.

Marshall Reddish hasn't shown up in a new  
suit for over a month now. Wonder if his  
wife shut down on him or the prospect of  
income tax payments made him lose interest  
in clothes.

Guard Roland Nelson left us the first of  
March to become a Denver cop. Everyone  
hated to see our youngest member of the  
Guard Force leave. He has worked hard at  
becoming a good shot in the Pistol Club  
and doing everything else to be a credit  
to the Guard Force.

The starting pay on the police force is  
so much better than he can make here and  
the opportunities for advancement so much  
greater that he felt he could not stay  
here. As the father of a young family,  
money never quite stretches far enough.

So we wish him "Hail and Farewell" and  
the very best of luck in his new work.

Pi Warren, Dick Merrill and Charlie Miller  
spent several days in Salt Lake City the  
past month, where they saw all of the  
operations of the Smelter, Refinery and  
other Divisions of the Kennecott Copper  
Company.

The trip proved to be most interesting  
and instructive and the men were very  
enthusiastic about what they had seen.

News deadline for the next issue is  
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## SUPERINTENDENT'S ROUNDUP

Messrs. Wiggen, Carwile and Ferguson arrived March 12th from the Bureau for our annual audit. Miss Eileen Lusby came on the same date to assist with recruiting. A number of new employees are needed for the new production schedules.

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The annual Red Cross Drive in all the civilian Government Agencies was conducted by a committee comprised of myself as Chairman, Messrs. Curtis Spencer and Orval Robinson of the G. S. A. as Vice-Chairmen. We accepted a quota of \$12,025.00 and our final collection was \$12,388.48. The Mint employees contributed \$301.81 from our Consolidated Drive.

This drive was followed by the Cancer Drive. The Mint check of \$193.97 has been sent to the Chairman of that drive. If any others would care to contribute, we can still send contributions.

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## Are You a Litter-bug?

We know it is spring - the calendar told us so, officially on the 21st, but we knew it by our own signs. The Captain has been worrying about the housekeeping around here and wants you all to quit throwing cigarette butts on the floors and stairs. He is having buckets of sand placed in strategic spots for this purpose. He (and I, too) will appreciate it if you men will use the litter-bug buckets.

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On March 13th the Superintendent, Messrs. LaFollette, Miller and Philippus were luncheon guests of Mr. Cecil Puckett at the Federal Reserve Bank. Later we were taken on a complete tour of the bank by several of their officials. We got the usual tourist thrill out of holding a \$100.00 bill (Franklin's picture), \$1000.00 (Cleveland), \$10,000.00 (Chase), \$100,000.00 (Wilson). We saw the kind of Treasury orders used in large business transactions calling for one million dollars payable on demand.

Unfortunately, Mr. Reddish was home with a cold so missed the interesting visit.

An unusual number of foreign visitors in March gave us an international outlook. For instance: On the 12th, William Graham, a machinist at the Canadian Mint was an interested visitor. On the 13th we had B. F. Hoelder, Chief Assistant to the Minister of Finance in West Germany, and later in the day Alex Rooney took Eric W. Platt of Brisbane, Australia on a tour (on his own annual leave time). Mr. Platt is a member of the Australian Lions Club and Alex, as a fellow Lion, was playing host part of the time.

Later in the month we had two large groups of foreign fliers who came here by bus from Warren Air Force Base in Wyoming. The men are all officers in the Air Corps in their own countries, but are receiving additional training here. The countries represented were Turkey, Japan, Korea, Vietnam, Saudi Arabia, Italy, Spain, Denmark, Columbia, China, Greece and Pakistan.

To complete the list of unusual visitors a group of Comanche Indians (real or imitation) arrived seeking to have an Indian Head placed on our coins again. We all felt it was a gag of some sort and discovered later a new picture called "Comanche" was opening at one of the local theaters. They didn't even leave any free tickets.

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## CASHIER'S CORNER

By A. L. Philippus

When we looked out the window the other day, we thought we were being attacked by a bank of Indians (Comanches, if you please). Fortunately our Chief Squaw, Superintendent Schneider, came forward and raised her arm, shouting "HOW", and got the situation under control.

I'm often mistaken for an Indian. Many a time when I enter a restaurant, I am asked by the Head Waiter: "Do you have a reservation?", and they certainly wouldn't ask that if I didn't resemble an Indian.

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ASSAY DIVISION NOTES

By A. Cupel

Although one or two issues of the Press have been issued since the Denver Mint Golden Anniversary Celebration, this corner wishes to express thanks for the privilege of photographing the exhibits; those of us who took pictures will have a nice remembrance of the occasion.

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Another hand to Management - (Mint Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent) for giving a copy of: "Regulations for the Transactions of Business at the Mints...." to ALL employees. Nuff said.

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Watch for next issue in regards to the item on the Ole Belle Wringer.

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NEWS FROM TRIGGER ALLEY

By Marion E. Newman

February 23rd the Denver Mint Pistol Club held their Annual Meeting for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year. Jim Glade was elected to succeed Guard Nicola as President; Guard Stahn to succeed Guard Nelson as Secretary; and Ed Greeno to succeed Guard Capit as Treasurer. George Godfrey and yours truly were reelected to serve another year as Vice-President and Councilman respectively.

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Guard Nelson resigned March 4th to accept an appointment to the Denver Police Department. I would like to take this opportunity to wish Nelson the best of luck in his new employment.

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February 26th the Central Division of the Colorado Rifle and Pistol Association sponsored a pistol match on the Y.M.C.A. range. Guard Stahn, Ed Greeno, Allen Crabtree, George Godfrey and Newman competed in this match. Newman won a medal in the 22 caliber rapid fire match.

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March 11th Guard Nicola, Guard Stahn, Newman and George Godfrey attended the Sectional Gallery Match at the Y. M. C. A. Guard Stahn brought home the only bacon from this match, winning two medals.

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March 18th the Indoor Gallery Matches were held on the new range of the Arvada Rifle and Pistol Club. This range is not fully completed but it is a well planned, 10 place, automatically operated range. Nicola, Stahn, Greeno, Godfrey and Newman attended these matches. Stahn won two medals and Newman won one.

NEWS FROM TRIGGER ALLEY

(Continued)

This was a big match with more than 75 competitors entered.

The Services were well represented with four teams from the Air Force Academy and a sizable group of soldiers from Camp Carson.

The Air Force Academy did not win any matches but shot good enough to prove that with more experience they will afford plenty of competition.

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The matches which were held on the Mint range on Tuesday nights are now over, with the "Jerks", Mr. Jamieson's team having a grand total of 29,690, as compared to a total of 29,617 for Lt. Wallace's team, better known as "The Squirts". Prize money, donated by the Club, was \$150.00. Sixty-seven dollars and fifty cents was collected from the 25¢ shooting fee, that was paid by each shooter for each match he attended, making a grand total of \$217.50.

Sixty percent of the prize monies went to Mr. Jamieson's team and the other forty percent to Lt. Wallace's team.

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COIN BLANKS

By Gordon Porter

Gene Vargas has a new black and yellow Chevrolet. Says he will try it out as soon as he gets some mileage on it. Keep an eye on him.

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Have a new man in the Count and Review - Jerry Reynolds.

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Understand Ed Beston got a bargain on a truck he bought from Al Crabtree - How about that Ed?

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Wonder why Ray Daniels painted his Leaping Lena such a beautiful red? Could it be he wants to stay out from a semi-trailer.

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HOT CHIPS

By Buzz Lathe

The "Kennel Klub" is taking in new members each and every day - the Mint has its own Chapter and boasts some of the prominent personnel has joined up. What are the dues and who may qualify you ask? Seek and you shall find out - one hint, you must be of sound mind, alert, and rather healthy. Oh yes, no age limit.



## HOT CHIPS (Continued)

You all must see the film "Colorado, the Favored Land", the latest release by the Coors Company in Golden, when Louie Rhoads shows it up in the lunchroom. Many scenes were taken at random and some with telescopic lenses during deer season, and that is where our senior huntsman who knows no peer, enters the picture unbeknownst to himself and this is Mearl Kennedy, of course.

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The next time we catch Ed Greeno out in Jefferson County fishing, we will jug him on general principles, if for no other reason. Another thing, why doesn't he pay attention to fishing?

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You would never think Joe Frielinger is the grandfather of 9 grandchildren to look at him, would you? Ann and Joe have five children, Joe, Jr. is a 2nd Lt. in the Air Force stationed in Ramstien, West Germany. His base basketball team of Laumstuehl, Joe championed to second place in the basketball championship of the European Theatre. He got his commission on graduating from Colorado Teachers College at Greeley. Their five childrens names are Joe, Jane, Jean, Joan and Jimmie. Jean and Joan are twins and Jean (married) is the mother of twins. Having run out of the J's the Frielingers called Jimmie PERIOD!

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Guess who ran out of gas the last time he was in Kansas? HI, NORMAN.

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## OUR MODERN DEPOSIT MELT ROOM By Louis Monahan

The Deposit Melt Room under the leadership of Mr. William S. Johnson has indeed become one of the outstanding units of the Denver Mint operations. The Deposit Melt Room, in comparison with the old room in the 1920's, is a model of cleanliness with good ventilation and the best type of equipment possible.

Few knew all the men who worked with Mr. Johnson and of their work in this light and airy modern room. You see, in 1920 there were only two furnaces in the room and the room was about 10 feet shorter than the Press Room. At that time, there were only two men running the room - Dan Brady was the Foreman and Fred Hune was his helper.

The large furnace in the corner presented many difficult problems. The fumes and charcoal dust going directly from this corner furnace out of the west side of the roof didn't have the extension on top of the roof as it has today. As a consequence, when melting was going on in the room and there was a strong wind outside, it blew all the charcoal and dust back into the room. At times, it was hard to see across the room and to be able to distinguish anybody.

Everything was lifted by hand. There was no overhead crane to help out even when thousand-ounce bars were being melted. The windows, of course, were always dirty and black. It appeared that the men on the day shift were working on the night shift. Now the windows are dirty but it is not due to conditions in the room.

The grinder used for grinding the slag was a hand-operated affair and many times it was broken down and we had to use a small sledge hammer to pound up the slag before pan-washing it.

Of course, this room was operated separately from the Cashier's Office and the head melter was on his own although he worked under the weigh clerk. Today Mr. Johnson is pretty near the low man on the totem pole and I don't know where it puts Zea, Fiest and O'Donell. However, they are strong, husky men and if they can put up with Bill Johnson, they can put up with the top brass in this section.

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## FLOWERS TO ----

Albert Kellan - Illness  
Clark Porterfield - Illness

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If we are to have a paper we must have more news. All you men who are giving us the news about your Division are to have to work harder to fill the space.

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Two youngsters were standing on a corner waiting for the light to change and took notice of the traffic. Cars were driving through lights and stop signs, double parking and weaving in and out of traffic. Said one child to the other, "What do you want to be if you grow up?"



N O M O R E N E W S

A California Police Sergeant said a woman called him on the telephone to ask if she could paint her license plates pale pink to match the color of her car.

He said she could not.

"That's ridiculous," the woman told him, "I see cars with different colored plates every day."

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## SUPERINTENDENT'S ROUND-UP

Director Brett arrived for a surprise visit Monday evening, the 16th, en route to San Francisco. He spent two days here checking production schedules and visiting Division Heads and other employees. He was particularly pleased with the fine calibre of our new employees and the work being done by our whole plant.

While here Mr. Brett approved a complete second shift and authorized 15 more men to complete the necessary crews.

Mr. Manning started recruiting immediately.

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On Wednesday noon, Mr. Brett, the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent met Division Heads at the Legion for luncheon, which was followed by a general discussion period pertaining to production problems.

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The Guard Force has two new members who are old friends, who just decided to transfer into wearing a uniform. Carl Hofacker moved from the Building & Mechanical Division and Ellis Morgan from the M. & R. Division.

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Gene Capit has retired on disability after 17 years at the Mint. Everyone was sorry to see him leave, but hope he feels better.

No man ever took more pride in his work than did Gene, to be an employee of the Mint.

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Captain Widmer went to St. Joseph's Hospital on the 29th to undergo surgery. He expects to be on sick leave about a month.

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We now have 25 new men throughout the plant who were recently recruited to make a complete second shift.

We bid these men welcome and hope they like working here. The number of employees is now 186.

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Last Thursday, Mr. Furman Kidd of the Office of the Secretary of the Treasury and Mr. Eugene Shreve, Assistant to the Director, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, spent the day at the Mint.

They were here to check on our search for economies as requested by the Secretary in a letter last October. They were very interested in the major savings resulting from our copper pit construction and elimination of manual unloading and stacking of copper, also the number of man hours of labor saved by palletizing our coin sacks and the method of stacking in the vaults and handling for coin shipments.

They inquired about our Suggestion Awards and payment to employees for their usable ideas.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S ROUND-UP  
(Continued)

The Captain and Guards are constantly battling the public to keep our parking space for our own employees! Spectators at the Graham trial have become a real problem and whenever we spot them City Police are issuing parking tickets for us.

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Charles McAfee who has been off on sick leave came back to work driving a new two-tone blue Fairlane Ford. No one recognized the car so he got an illegal parking ticket until he came out and identified the car.

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The Superintendent put out a memo asking you to list your license numbers and make of car. Please fill in this information and leave it at the Guard desk.

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"Mack" McLaughlin, genial head of the Accounting Division suffered a couple of minor heart attacks last week. His doctor diagnosed it as angina pectoris and has Mack on a strict diet. He'll be OK if he takes it easy and doesn't overdo.

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CASHIER'S CORNER  
By A. L. Philippus

Ever since Elmer Hayes came into this division, Foremen Kennedy and Johnson have been wanting to get them on their team. Now it begins to make sense. Both Mearl and Bill are among the Mint's star performers in the square dance field, although from what we hear they do not always work on the square. It seems every once in a while one of them throws a fowl, although no surgery has been required. Anyway, since both of them carry blue cross coverage, who cares. The point is that Elmer Directs one of those bands furnishing dance music while you wait, and it stands to reason that whichever foreman has Elmer, can do a lot of practicing during his "spare time" at the Mint, to the tune of Elmer's music.

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HOT CHIPS  
By Buzz Lathe

We were all very sorry to learn of the death of Ben Hoglund's father, John A. Hoglund, who passed away last week.

He was a machinist and had been with the Denver Tramway 38 years, retiring eleven years ago. He had made gardening around home his hobby with trips up in the Rockies a close second.

He was a member of the First Evangelical Church and held in high esteem and regarded as one of the kindest of men by those who had the pleasure of knowing him during his life span of 82 years. Granddaughter Dorothy came in by plane from California for the funeral.

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Little Hughie Taylor said one day to his dad, "Big Hughie", "Daddy please take me out fishing so I can catch some fish (preferably blue gill) so we can have some fish for dinner". So Big Hughie takes junior upon his lap, like a kind thoughtful father would, and says, "Well son, I'll tell you what we will do. We will get the old shot gun and I will teach you how to shoot wild ducks, and we will have wild duck for dinner, huh?" So they go out to a dismal lake on a dismal day and not even a dismal duck is flying around, after a long dismal wait, when finally, hark! What is that in the distance? Aw, it is a lone duck coming this-a-way. Hughie springs into action saying, "Now watch this, now watch this." BANG! Mr. Duck flies right on!! "Well, I'll b-er-ah, sonny, continues Hughie, you are now witnessing the miracle of the ages, there flies a dead duck!"

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HOT CHIPS  
(Continued)

Do you remember back in April of '41 when Bill Beston came here to work, having graduated from West High in '39 where he lettered in basketball. West won no championship while he was on the team, but that wasn't Billy's fault.

We didn't think he was married, but he was. He had married a pretty little girl with a famous name "Betty Lee Crocker" soon after graduation.

That day in April of '41 he was put on the night shift in the rolling room. This April, 15 years later, we find Mister Billy on the night shift in the rolling room, only this time he is night foreman. Well, we do advance here.

Betty and Bill are the proud parents of three nice children (if you want confirmation, just ask proud grandpa Beston, the genteel Assistant Coiner). They are Sandra 14, Cheryl Ann 11, and Billy 7. "Seven come eleven, roll you di--", oh, wait a minute, we are off the subject. An unusual thing about these children is, each one has a permanent scar under thier chin caused by an accident during their lives. Billy didn't have one until a short time ago when he fell in the ash pit and came up with one on his chin, putting him right up there with his sisters.

Bill did an 18 month hitch in the Army during World War II. They own their own home and Bill's hobby is landscaping. He converted a rather unattractive back yard into one of beauty with a patio, walk, walls, trees, shrubs and grass.

P.S. Have you ever seen Bill when he didn't have a smile on his face? That's right, neither have we.

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NEWS FROM TRIGGER ALLEY  
By. M. E. Newman

Captain Widmer entered St. Joseph's Hospital on Sunday, April 29th, to undergo surgery on Monday morning. At this writing it isn't known how he is getting along, but we all hope for the best and wish him a speedy recovery.

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Gene Capit who faithfully served on the Guard Force for 17 years retired April 16. Mr. Capit will be missed by all and especially by members of the Pistol Club. Although Gene didn't compete in many of the pistol matches held outside the Mint, he was most always in attendance at shoots held on our own range. Gene was Treasurer of the Pistol Club for many years and took an avid interest in the welfare and activities of the club.

We would like to take this opportunity to extend our best wishes to Gene for a long happy retirement.

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We would also like to welcome our new Guards, Ellis Morgan and Carl Hofacker into the fold of the Guard Force.

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I journeyed out to the Bear's ballgame the other night and watched the Bears win their seventh straight game. No more than got seated when one of Denvers most ardent baseball fans, Myron Shire came along. He looks fine and said to say hello to his many friends here at the Mint.

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Also had a phone call recently from Helmuth Philips. "Little Phil" said his leg was doing as well as could be expected, but that it isn't well enough to go the the ball park especially in the cool, damp weather we have been having. Philips is an ardent Bear fan as is yours truly. After a few minutes of cussing and discussing this years team we decided that without a doubt Denver will go ahead and win the American Association pennant and probably the Little World Series. Anyone want to bet?



NEWS FROM TRIGGER ALLEY  
(Continued)

It is always good to see and hear from former employees, so how about giving someone a ring or dropping by and letting us know where you are and what you are doing?

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COIN BLANKS

By Gordon Porter

See that McAfee and Bill Steinmetz are back to work. Hope they are both feeling much better.

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Carl Rains is going to be off a few days. He is taking his brother to Santa Fe.

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Now that Ray Daniels painted his car red, he sold it but says he is going to get another one. Not the same make but a much swankier one. "Rod Boy".

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Bill Manning is a busy boy these days. Seems as though there are more new faces than old ones.

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CORN HUSKINGS

By The Old Philosopher

What is contentment? What is peach of mind? Do you ever associate either or both of these questions with your job? Has it ever occurred to you that individually, each and everyone is responsible for making your position or job or your place in the organization one of contentment or one of bitterness and frustration. By your own words and acts, you can make your entire surroundings pleasant and worthwhile, or you can sew the seed of discontent and unpleasantness.

It takes only one individual who is sour on the world and his job to frustrate all the good the rest of his fellow employees might be striving for. It's not a case of turning the other cheek or going overboard at being a good Samaritan. It's just treating the other guy the way you would want to be treated. See his side, put yourself in his place. YOU'll be surprised at what a different perspective you get. Don't forget he has his troubles just as you at times, and these should be taken into consideration and overlooked.

Don't be a perpetual "aginer", "knocker" or "grouch". You're not only hurting yourself, but it doesn't help the others with whom you work. One of the principal fundamentals in any group or organization is "cooperation" and this means helping the other guy out, not because you have to but because you want to.

Sure, you'd like to be well known, but I'd rather be known to be well liked. You have a good job, you know you do. Stop and think one in a while and meditate over your lot in life. Is it that bad? Of course, it isn't. Just look around you. What is the reason for the Community Chest and United Fund Drives? Well, thank goodness, you don't have to worry about your security. How about all the other campaigns? The Heart, March of Dimes, Cerebral Palsy and all the others. Do you have need for the help of these agencies?

Just take a good examination of your situation. There's many a fellow worse off than you. There's many a guy that would give his right eye for a good job with sick and annual leave, good working conditions and no one beating your brains out every time you want to take a breath of air. Just be human and meet the other fellow half way. That's all he wants. Your task will be much lighter and don't forget as you leave your footprints on the sands of time, don't show that you're a great big heel, but that you had a great big soul. I guess you think all this sounds pretty "corny". Maybe so, but think it over.



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## SUPERINTENDENT'S ROUNDUP

While Captain Ed Widmer was in St. Joseph's Hospital he was visited frequently by Gene Capit, whose wife was hospitalized there at the same time.

When Ed was ready to come home he developed gout, and had to stay in the hospital three days longer. That's adding insult to injury! He expects to be able to return to work June 4th.

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Sgt. M. E. Newman of our Guard Force left the Mint on May 19th to accept employment as a Civilian Arms and Ammunition Instructor at Lowry Air Force Base.

He had been on the Guard Force 14 years, but felt he had better chance for promotion at the larger Government Agency.

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Mr. Wiggen of the Bureau and Mr. Ted Schiercke of the N. Y. Assay Office arrived on the 14th of May to direct cleanup work prior to Settlement. They remained till the end of the week.

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Mr. & Mrs. Jim Cosby left May 3rd for a trip by air to Los Angeles, Mexico City and Acapulco, Mexico. While there they visited the night clubs where Mrs. Cosby had to hold Jim down --- and later they attended a bull fight where Jim had to hang on to his missus. All in all they had a wonderful vacation and think United Air Lines is the only way to travel!

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Wayne Dixon ran a staple into his finger with painful results. An infection where the bone was scraped made it necessary to have the finger operated on and drained. It required several stitches to close and resulted in a very sore finger.

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Lou Rhoads has made some identification stickers to place on our cars, so that the Guards will have less difficulty checking parking space in our two lots. The glue doesn't hold very well and you may have to use scotch tape to hold them to the window. The practice of having Denver Police issue tickets to outsiders who are using our lot will be continued.

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Leo Eakins was hospitalized unexpectedly May 19th for treatment of his left eye. A detached retina was the cause, and it is hoped that prompt surgery, which he had three days later, will restore his vision. He will be on sick leave for about two months.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S ROUNDUP  
(Continued)

Marshall Reddish attended the Knights of Columbus convention at La Junta from May 18th through May 22nd.

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Mr. S. W. Kaisy, Assistant Director-General of the Ministry of Finance, Iraq, and Mr. I. H. Al-Hassoon, Ministry of Interior, visited the Mint May 22nd for a tour of the plant.

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The whole Mint was shocked by the tragedy which befell Herb Jesse, Wednesday, May 23rd. His wife had given birth to a baby girl on the day before and appeared to be recuperating rapidly. She suffered a sudden fatal heart attack on Wednesday evening just prior to Herb's visiting her. The baby passed away later that same night. Another son, 14 months old, survives the young mother.

Rosary services were held at the Hackethal Mortuary on Sunday evening with the Requiem Mass at Christ the King Church Monday morning.

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Otto Kollander's wife underwent surgery the same week. Everyone expresses the sincere wish that Mrs. Kollander will respond well to the treatment she is receiving. Their daughter, who is a registered nurse, came here from California to be with her mother.

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Charlie Morris, Sgt. of the Guard Force, also left the Mint Service on Friday, May 18th, to take employment as a Guard at the new U. S. National Bank. Mr. Morris has 29 years in Government service and 21 years at the Mint. Employees who are reaching the age of retirement are taking other positions to earn Social Security.

Our Guard Force is at an all time low and we are eager to get new replacements. If any of you have relatives or friends interested in this type of work, who would be eligible, have them contact Mr. Manning.

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Those who will go on Settlement from here are: Marshall Reddish, Chairman, Philadelphia June 18th; Joseph Freilinger, New York; Richard Merrill, Louis Rhoads and Harry Scott to San Francisco.

Our Settlement Committee will be comprised of George Tobin, Chairman of N. Y.; Aven Hard, Jr. of the Bureau; Herman Klauser and Matthew Riley of San Francisco. They will start work on June 11th. We will continue a limited production for two weeks.

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CASHIER'S CORNER

By A. L. Philippus

At this writing, this division, as well as many other Mint employees are sympathizing with Mr. Herbert Jesse in his bereavement.

Wednesday afternoon, May 23rd, he was joyfully proclaiming the arrival of a baby girl, born to his wife the day before, and telling us that although the baby was not doing too well, his wife was feeling fine. That same evening his wife was called to her eternal reward, and shortly thereafter, the baby had joined her.

Herb, the newest arrival in this division, has therefore been hit hard, and we trust that the divine Father's care and guidance may guide him and his young surviving child through the path which lies ahead. Were it not for this faith, such tragedies would be unbearable.

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## TRIGGER ALLEY

By ol' Horsetrader

Well, I suppose, as George states, as long as the missus don't care, all is well. Very little news from Trigger Alley which sums up the situation: Duds are being fired, as Lt. Batchelor says.

All joking aside, we are all sorry to lose Sgt. M. E. Newman and Sgt. C. Morris. Sgt. Newman transferred to Lowry Field with excellent hopes for advancement. We wish him all the luck in the world. All will miss him and his crossword puzzle anecdotes.

Sgt. Morris retired from the Guards and now is with the U. S. National Bank of Denver. We hope he has a successful period in their employ. Anyone wish to transfer to the Guard Force? Has possibilities.

The Guard Force as a whole, has a fine group of men. Join us and shoot at Will anytime you can get on the range. Rotate around the clock, cheat on the old lady, improve your intellect, etc. Uniforms furnished with the exception of a few items. You fellows don't know what you are missing. Line forms on the right. Paid vacations when you can be spared. All in all, it's great!

We all welcome our new Guard, Anthony Lujan. He is taking pilot lessons, pilot H and T. He is breaking in as well as could be expected and should be completely broke before too long.

~~Our~~ gouty Captain will be returning to harness in a week or so, with more pep and vigor than before.

Guard Robertson started his vacation with a bang and will wind up limp and on sick leave. Something popped out on the latent part of his body which needs removing. Also hope the removing job will keep him moving. Luck and sympathy, Bob.

The duds are all fired so will throw the gun away until next time. Oh yes, we are still conducting a secret investigation on a fishing story. Many anglers have turned up, but very few angles.

May 25, 1956, is the starting of Guard Roy Speck on his 22nd year at this Mint. So you see fellers, there is hope for you.

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Mrs. Schneider was given an award of a 30 year pin at the Red Cross 75th Anniversary banquet honoring volunteers, May 24th at the Shirley-Savoy. The recognition came as a result of thirty one years as a volunteer worker, which included 25 years as Morrison Red Cross Chairman and during that time 12 years as a Jefferson County Area Chairman, 1 year Fund Drive Chairman for Jefferson County plus county and area organization of sewing rooms, guaze rooms, knitting programs, disaster relief during floods in Morrison, and 1956 Fund Drive Chairman of the Denver Federal Non-Military Employees.

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## COIN BLANKS

By Gordon Porter

Sorry to hear of the death of Carl Rains aunt. She lived in Pueblo.

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Walt Kasubke had to attend the services of a long time friend.

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I, also, had to attend the services of a friend.

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The death of Marshall White last week was quite unexpected. He came to the Mint in 1906 and retired in 1943. A real old timer and a darn nice fellow.

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COIN BLANKS  
(Continued)

Fishing season opened May 19th with a bang, according to the stories going around.

Score for opening day:      Rains - Limit  
                                 G. Porter - 4  
                                 Crabtree - 6  
                                 Duzenack - 4  
                                 Hill - 4  
                                 Safe - Limit  
                                 Kennedy (Leo) - Limit  
                                 Mrs. Schneider - 1 - !!!

What happened to fishing last Saturday, Phooey - Goose Egg.

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FLOWERS TO:      Captain Ed Widmer - Hospital  
                         Mrs. Irving W. Newton - Baby girl  
                         Mrs. Richard Merrill - Hospital  
                         Mrs. Otto Kollander - Hospital  
                         Leo Eakins - Hospital  
                         Mrs. William Manning - Hospital  
                         Mrs. Herb Jesse - Death  
                         Louis Waters - Hospital  
                         Guard Lloyd Robertson - Hospital

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HOT CHIPS

By Buzz Lathe

We remember that day, December 16, 1930, when Hjalmar Persman came into the machine shop as a tool and die maker. We thought he was a collar-ad man or a stand-in for Robert Taylor, but he wasn't he was a tool and die maker, having served his apprenticeship at Gardner-Denver where he worked seven years, then to the General Iron Works for one year; from there for two years at Detroit and American Tool Company; back to Gardner-Denver for 12 years; and now 19 years at the Denver Mint. Think of all the valuable experience Uncle Sam acquired when he got "Hjal" Persman. After 3½ years in the Machine Shop he was transferred to the Press Room where he became Press Room foreman.

"Hjal" has a wonderful personality and is well liked wherever he may be. He gets the job done and is a very conscientious worker. Besides this, he has a fine family consisting of wife, Farrel, and a 15 year old daughter, come June 2nd, Farrel Ann. Mrs. Persman is an ardent church worker, usually heading many and various activities at Augustana Lutheran Church.

"Hjal" loves all kinds of sports, such as fishing up in the hills, closely followed by bowling; remodeling his home over the years is sort of a hobby with him also. Not to be outdone by his wife, he is a very active Church worker too.

Farrel Ann is doing well with the piano, which mom and pop are quite proud of. She is an all American girl too, when it comes to hamburgers.

Sometimes when this all American family is driving along, Farrel Ann spies a drive-in and she says "Lets stop for hamburgers, I'll treat." And when this all American snack is down the little red lane, who pays? Pop, of course. Ha!

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Mr. Brett spent June 19th at the Denver Mint while enroute to the west coast. He checked production schedules and discussed future plans for work here.

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Mr. & Mrs. Tom Kelly left June 3rd for a 4000 mile trip to New York. They picked up Tom's brother in Youngstown, Ohio, who went on east with them. The Kelly's arrived at Niagara Falls within an hour of the destruction of part of the power plant by the cave-in on the American side of the falls.

While in New York, Tom visited with friends who formerly worked with him on the New York City Police Force. All this was done on a fast two weeks trip that found Tom coming back to work to "get over" his vacation.

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The General Services Administration completed the legal details with the City to permit razing the two old buildings on Delaware Street and moving the city alley. With the buildings down we now have additional space to give large trucks more room for loading coin. The whole area eventually will be fenced in chain link and give greater security in the loading section and also end our blocking of the public alley.

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Mint personnel were sorry to learn of the death of former Guard William E. Myers.

Bill had one light heart attack before his retirement in February 1955. After his recovery he and his wife visited in Phoenix and then drove on to the west coast to live near Bill's daughter. He had been in very poor health since.

His third and fatal attack occurred on the night of the 21st. He was 68 years old and had worked as Guard here for twenty years to earn the Gallatin award.

He is survived by his wife, Florence (also a former Mint employee), two daughters and a son, seven grandchildren and 13 brothers and sisters.

Services were at Moore Mortuary with Guards O'Connell, Speck, Wallace, Rutledge, Batchelor and former Guard Gapit serving as pallbearers.

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Storekeeper Wayne Dixon had to return to the hospital, June 21st, to have his finger opened; the same finger which he accidentally drove a staple into, has not healed properly and he now has his hand encased in a cast.

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We were saddened to learn of the death June 28th, by an unexpected heart attack, of Helmut Phillips.

A year ago during settlement he incurred a slight abrasion on his leg which failed to heal. It ulcerated and while he had been under constant medical care, the ulcer had grown at one time to several inches across.

He was at the Mint to visit us and have the nurse dress his leg just two days before his death. He had been on disability retirement since May 31st, and was faced with the possibility of amputation.

All during Mr. Phillips time here he impressed everyone with his courage and cheerfulness. Never one to complain, he would only admit the pain in his leg, if one asked him directly. His calm acceptance of his adversity made everyone admire him. He had never had any indication of a heart ailment so that his death was a great shock to his family and friends.

Funeral services were at the Moore Mortuary July 2nd with interment at Crown Hill.

Al Hard always enjoys settlement work at Denver since it gives him the opportunity to visit his mother and sister - as well as former co-workers here. He and Fred Miller started their Mint Service here on the same day.

The Inter-Mint Pistol Match was conducted June 28th by Mr. Matthew Wiley of the Settlement Committee. Those who participated were:

Frank Urich	Expert	261
Francis Wallace	Expert	265
Hugh Taylor	Sharpshooter	244
Harry S. Batchelor	Sharpshooter	193
Edward L. Greene	Marksman	239
Earl E. Schramm	Marksman	215

Dick O'Connell was the official observer.

The Match was the first one in twenty years which was conducted without John Jamieson, who was suffering from a sore arm.

Guard Lloyd Robertson who has been plagued with arthritis in one knee, finally landed in the hospital for surgery of another ailment. After he was home, he noticed the knee was completely well. Apparently the enforced rest did the job of healing. He returned to work July 2nd.

Captain Widmer is still not completely recovered from his surgery, and took a week's annual leave to see if he could get his strength back.

Leo Fakins is reporting encouraging news following his surgery for a detached retina of one eye. His doctor feels Leo's vision will be completely restored with time and proper care.

Jim Manley one of our former tour leaders, wants his friends here to know that his family has been increased by the birth of a daughter, Jill. This year we lost Manley and Jerry Cavanaugh who were selected by the Denver School Board to be delegates to an Education Convention in Oregon. The meeting is taking place in July and the boys would be gone during our busiest tourist season.

They are to be replaced by Tom Trembath and Wendell Reuss, also teachers in the Denver Public Schools. Don Nelson was the only one of our former Tour Leaders able to return.



Mr. Sid Carwile of the Bureau arrived Monday, the 2nd, to assist with our cost accounting work until Leo Eakins is able to return.

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Arthur R. Hodgson of Palo Alto, California, visited the Mint on July 3rd and toured the building with Charlie Miller.

Mr. Hodgson, now 80 years old, was graduated from the Colorado School of Mines in 1899 and the same year was appointed Assayer at the old Denver Branch of the U. S. Mint at 16th and Market Streets.

He remained there until the present building was opened officially in February of 1906, when Mr. Hodgson moved here as Assayer. He worked here until 1914 when he accepted a position as metallurgist in private industry.

However, in 1933, he returned to Government Service as Chief Assayer at New Orleans. It was while there that he hired Charlie Miller and the two have been fast friends ever since.

He went from New Orleans to Fort Knox to assist with the first gold received at the Depository.

Following that work he transferred to San Francisco where he remained until his retirement in 1946.

Remarkably alert and well, Mr. Hodgson lives with his brother-in-law Clarence Malmstrom, who also started working at the Mint in 1905.

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#### HOT CHIPS

By Buzz Lathe

Joe Ratliff took a trip to California during his vacation. Hope he had a nice time. By the way, we thought Joe knew a "Soft Ball Field" from a "Rodeo Grounds", maybe that can be excused though he being handy as a cowboy in his youth. His very talented daughters and wife, Marjorie, found the new lighted softball "Peterson Field", erected by the Red Rocks Lions Club for Mountain Valley Recreation Association. They helped set off the seasons "Grand Opening Ceremonies" by performing from a truck platform stage in the center of the field. Kathy Jo and Linda Jo Ratliff did some pantomime, very fine dance and tap dance numbers. Dottie Gibbons and twin daughter and son, Patty and Bobby, also did some very well received acts in pantomime and a dance routine assisted by Dottie who played the accordion to the delight of the audience. Her selections were in harmony with baseball.

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Leo G. Kennedy, one of our new boys in the rolling room, is a Charles Atlas, Mr. Universe, Superman and a football coach's dream, all in one package. He starred as a tackle on Cathedral High's football team, and though we would miss his friendly pleasant presence at the Mint, he should go on to college, as he surely could make any of the College teams hereabouts. One look and he would be offered a football scholarship without even a tryout, I betcha.

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Frank F. Pfanenstiel, our new machinist in the machine shop, comes to us with quite a reputation attached. First at Sterling High School he was the mainstay on the baseball team as a pitcher (later on industrial teams, who did well in tournaments, he being of durable timber stayed with it much longer than most athletes). Working his way through school as a machinist's helper at the railroad shops, he naturally went to work on graduation from school, and stayed with the C.B.&Q. for 32 years, 12 years as a foreman. Denver is their home and one working for the U. S. Mint does not travel all over the country, so the U. S. Mint looks good to him. He married his high school sweetheart, who was Katherine Marie Hoverdanz, and they have two married daughters, Norma Jean Walsh, whose husband is a plumber for White Plumbing Company, and Norma Jean works as a stenographer for an insurance company.

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HOT CHIPS (Continued)

Patricia Ann Huettt is living in Jacksonville, Florida, her husband is in the naval service. They have a 10 month old son, Bradley, making Frank "grandpa" and that accounts for him going around here with his chest stuck out. (We wondered about that when we first met him.) He has made a good impression on the boys in the shop and we like that. One day while driving along a street in downtown Denver he had a near miss accident. Seconds later a patrol car edged him to the curb. Result: A careful driving award, much to Frank's relief.

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The following has been copied from H. I. Phillips' column "The Once Over" in U. S. Government publication "Getting Your Ideas Across Through Writing". It was sent in by Jim Cosby for your amusement and edification.

A DIRECTIVE

It all began with the following:

Little Boy Blue, come blow your horn  
The cows are in the meadow,  
The sheep are in the corn  
Where's the boy who looks after the sheep?  
He is under the haystack fast asleep.

Ultimately a Washington Bureaucrat took over--

In accordance with the Act of Congress of June 6, 1923, as amended, we have conducted an extensive inquiry into the need for an adequate signal system in meadows and adjacent territories. The whole matter of stabilizing practices in these areas is being processed with a view to attaining the objectives as stated in the directive of July 7.

Considering the matter in the over-all aspect, it is the conclusion of our policy committee, following repeated hearings, that the following steps are necessary to restore confidence and maintain morale:

1. Immediate stimulation of the entire horn-blowing project.
2. A study to determine standards with reference to the proper number of blasts to be blown when cows are in the meadow.
3. A signal system requiring a signal easily distinguishable from the former when the sheep are reported in the corn.
4. Authorization for a complete study of the whole farm situation, and a check-up of the bugle crisis, with possible freezing of bugle calls at April levels in accordance with the so-called Little Haystack Formula.
5. A congressional inquiry to ascertain the number of meadows in the country, the square miles of corn patches and the wandering habits of sheep and cattle.
6. A census to determine how many boys in the country are under a mandate to look after sheep.
7. A study to determine whether these boys are subject to abnormal indolence or excessive slumber.
8. An appropriation of five million dollars to provide adequate handling of the haystack matter, to assure an adequate distribution of horns and to take all necessary steps to integrate, codify and coordinate all authorized operation.

For the purpose of keeping our files accurate, will you inform us of your correct name? It appears on our records as L. Boice Blow, Little B. Bloo and L. Ittle Boybluh.

U. S. Cow, Sheep & Haystack Administration, Washington, D.C.

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On a questionnaire asking: "What is the principal contribution of the automobile age?" the following answer was given by a college student: "It has practically stopped horse stealing."

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CASHIER'S CORNER

By A. L. Philippus

It is said that Bullion was originally the name of the office or mint where the metal was stamped into coins. The word is probably identical with the French word "bouillon", a boiling, hence a melting, and so a mass of melted metal. What we don't find in soup.

That's all we have time for at this writing. The deadline snuck up on us.

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TRIGGER ALLEY

By Watch 'Em & Squeeze

Guard Kelly & Mrs. Kelly arrived at Niagara Falls just in time to see the power house fall to pieces at the bottom of the gorge. Brought home a pocket full of hexagonal nickels. Seems round nickels are too easy to make so the Canadians put corners on them.

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Guard Nicola and family just returned from an extended trip of western Colorado, north rim of the Grand Canyon, Boulder Dam, Zion Park Utah. They had to come back to Colorado to get any good fishing, so stopped at Pagosa Springs and if they had not run out of bait they would still be there. Brought back the limit but I haven't noticed any marked stoop to the shoulders, so they must not have caught any record breakers.

Looks to me like he is investigating large excavations. Must be that he is doing some research for Mr. Zeckendorf on Court House Square.

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Captain Widmer just returned from a much needed rest of a week after extensive surgery at St. Joseph's Hospital.

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Guard Robertson returned to work July 2nd after a stay at Fitzsimons Hospital. Best of luck on a speedy recovery.

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The results of the Director's Pistol Match hot off the wires, but unofficial as yet.

1st - Ft. Knox	1533
2nd - San Francisco	1531
3rd - Denver	1417
4th - N. Y. Assay	1405
5th - Philadelphia	1362
? - West Point	

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During the summer house cleaning the control room got a face lifting. Surprising what a little paint will do. The Guards want to thank those responsible for a beautiful job.

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Gordon Porter, Jr., is such a Pikes Peak race enthusiast that he drove to Colorado Springs on the evening of the 3rd and camped out all night on the mountain to have a good vantage point for watching the Annual Fourth of July Races.

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The Superintendent has been elected a Director of the Metropolitan Safety Council.

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Mr. Reddish returned the 5th of July from Settlement in Philadelphia, vowing the people there are delightful, but the weather---! Coloradoans never seem impressed with eastern weather.

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Mr. & Mrs. Walt Haberl (our Dorothy) drove to Grand Lake and back over the Fourth. The bumper to bumper traffic on the way home almost cured them of holiday trips.

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After a thorough over-hauling of mills, presses and other machinery, Bruce LaFollette is ready to start our overtime production Monday morning.

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John Gresh, while on vacation in Kansas, had a close call when his car was struck by another coming in the wrong lane. He was so sure that injuries would result that the damage done to his car didn't worry him.

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Miss Betty Armbruster spent her annual leave with her parents in Iowa City, Iowa.

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FLOWERS SENT TO ----

Mrs. Frank Clark - birth

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Pi Warren our energetic Assayer, is presently remodelling his front porch into a room. Steel sashed, picture window was placed and all other work done by the man with the most pep in the entire Mint staff.

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Doloris Barton and her husband stayed home on their vacation and rested up for the additional work the Personnel Division has been doing.

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A man who was filling out an application for a job in a factory, came to the question, "Who is the person to notify in case of accident?" His answer was: "Anybody in sight!"

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Tact is the rare ability to think of things far enough in advance not to say them.

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One of the great mysteries of life is how the boy who wasn't good enough to marry the daughter, can be the father of the smartest grand-child in the world.

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Mr. Reddish was Chairman of the Legion Committee which takes Denver orphans out to the D. U. Stadium for the big Fourth of July celebration. The "Orphan" committee picks up the children and assures their safe return. Free balloons, pop, candy, popcorn are provided for each youngster to assure their having a good time.

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The fireworks display, plus the earlier program of acrobatics, etc., makes it a memorable occasion.

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## SUPERINTENDENT'S ROUNDUP

Mr. Sid Carwile, who did our Cost Accounting reports following the departure of Mr. Collins to San Francisco and Mr. Zurn to New York, left on Friday the 20th with the sincere admiration and thanks of everyone for the tremendous job he did for us.

Leo Eakins hopes to be able to return part time around the middle of August.

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July 9th was the opening day of our continuous daily tours through the Mint. The first day, with two new leaders, we handled 406 visitors. The next day the three acted like veterans and took 516 people through. The popularity of the tours continues and we are forced to turn away dozens of people each day who fail to make reservations.

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Poor Ed Sandstrom came home after the weekend of July 14th with sunburn and even a blistered lip, plus dozens of mosquito bites. He dunked himself in the river and washed off all the mosquito repellent - but he got fish!

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We all extend our heartfelt sympathy to Carl Hofacker, whose wife passed away Tuesday. Services were held at Olinger's Englewood Mortuary with burial in the Ft. Logan Cemetery.

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A new payroll clerk, in the person of Mrs. Joan A. Breitske, joined our staff July 16th. She came from the Bureau of Accounts at the Federal Center, because the long ride to the Center was inconvenient for her. We sincerely hope she will be happy in her work here.

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"Skinny" Widmer has finally begun to gain back some of his lost weight and is feeling a lot better.

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Mrs. Agnes Reddish, the charming and vivacious wife of the Assistant Superintendent, underwent surgery July 26th at Mercy Hospital. She came through the operation well and is making a nice recovery. Mr. Reddish will take annual leave now to be with her as much as possible.

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Director Brett ordered continuation of the present shifts through August 11th to meet production requirements.

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Kenneth Chase of the Ingot Melting Division is ill at home, but having extensive checks made by his doctor.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S ROUNDUP  
(Continued)

The two pieces of Clark-Gruber Minting equipment, which were borrowed from the State Museum for our 50th Anniversary celebration, have caused so much comment and interest that we have photographed them to at least have the pictures on display.

The old punch press dated 1855, and reeding mill were so different from present day equipment that everyone wonders if 100 years hence our present equipment will seem as obsolete.

We are sorry to report that James McLaughlin entered St. Luke's Hospital the 24th suffering from another heart attack. Doctors have ordered complete rest, quiet and a liquid diet (not of his choosing.)

Miss Frances M. Fischer, a clerk-typist, was added to the Personnel Staff on July 11th. Miss Fischer came to us from the Armed Forces Division in Washington, D. C., and we are delighted to welcome her to our Mint family.

Joe (Santa Claus) Blount has been in the Veterans Administration Hospital with a painful rash. A series of tests have not yet revealed the cause.

Guards Tom Kelly and Roy Speck were promoted to fill the two vacancies as Sergeant on the Guard Force. Both men have more than 21 years of service.

With the typical "luck of the Irish", Tom Kelly bought his wife a "what-not" cabinet at the Snow Furniture Store for her birthday and hit the jackpot. On July 17th the furniture company phoned and told him that his purchase had entered his name in a contest, and he had just won \$1500.00 worth of merchandise. He decided to spend \$500.00 of it and give his children the selection of the rest.

A CHECK OF THE MINT PARKING LOTS REVEALS THAT ON THE DAY SHIFT THAT 50 CARS HAVE THE NEW IDENTIFICATION DECALS ON THE REAR WINDOW, 40 DO NOT.

IN ORDER TO END OUTSIDERS USING OUR LOTS, THEREBY DEPRIVING OUR OWN EMPLOYEES OF THEIR PARKING SPACE, THE DENVER POLICE WILL START ISSUING TICKETS TO ALL UNIDENTIFIED CARS BEGINNING AUGUST 6TH.

PUT YOUR DECAL ON THE REAR WINDOW AT ONCE. IF YOU HAVE LOST YOUR DECAL ASK FOR A REPLACEMENT.

CAPTAIN ED WIDMER

COIN BLANKS

By Gordon Porter

Missed the last issue of the Mint News, so here's the vacation report of the Coining Department.

Ed Beston spent a busy time putting a porch on his mountain cabin near Conifer.



COIN BLANKS  
(Continued)

Mrs. Bill Beston and oldest daughter spent a pleasant vacation in Alabama with her sister. Bill got around too --- met him at the Drumetick while mama was away.

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Mark Burkgren's mother suffered a heart attack while he was on vacation and he spent his time with her at the hospital. Best wishes for a speedy recovery.

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Clabe Hill and wife drove to San Francisco. They had a real nice time.

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Mr. & Mrs. Lacey made a fast drive to San Francisco. Mrs. Lacey is the gambler in the family. She took several 5¢ jackpots while in Reno, Nevada.

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Howard Peirce and his wife seem to prefer Las Vegas. It's the second time they have been there, but Howard won't give any results.

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If you happen by the review, take a look at the beard on Leo Madrid. He is going to attenda rodeo in Trinidad on Labor Day.

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Al Crabtree is sure busy these days. Took his family on a trip to Carlsbad, Texas and Juarez (by guide). Came home and was host to 13 girl scouts who slept on his back lawn.

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I heard Walt Kasubke say something about picking up rocks at Yellowstone Park. Hope he had a nice time.

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New Cars

Godfrey - new ford  
Vanhille - new ford  
Bill Beston - new to him - 30,000 miles - new ford.

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Frank Clarke, who has been in the hospital (not with a baby), is due back soon.

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Sorry to hear of the death of Jim Martin's aunt in South Carolina. She had raised him. Our deepest sympathy.

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My wife and I spent four days in Estes Park and had a real nice time just loafing.

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"Never waste household scraps", so says an economy hint. We most wholeheartedly agree. Open the windows and let the whole neighborhood hear.

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Surveys show that there are not as many clock-watchers in the average office as there used to be. We'd say that was because most workers today have wrist watches.

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CASINERIE CO-OPS

By L. L. Phillips

Well, it seems as though our efforts for the past two years to get more room for the movement of transports, had a marvelous result. We've been explaining how cramped we were with two rooming houses in the way, with a few cars parked in the rear, etc. etc. Finally our wailing became so long and loud that the two buildings were removed, and now, lo and behold, someone pays Jimmy Hatis quickly. You guessed it, the two houses are gone and the space is now completely filled with parked cars.

It is hoped that if and when the folding ladder is installed in this division, (which ladder was received last October), it will not be used for visitors, or some function other than that for which it was purchased.

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A group of Indians from Taos, New Mexico, came to the front door July 30th and wanted a tour. When the Captain asked if they had a reservation, they said "yes." They were not scheduled but Ed said, "Who is going to argue with an Indian about reservations." They got a specially conducted tour and asked more questions than any recent group of visitors.

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Lou Rhodes went to General Rose Hospital today for an operation on his arm.

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Latest report from "Mack" McLaughlin is that he is feeling better and his latest medical checks were good.

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In accordance with a request from the Director for greater participation in the Savings Bond Program a new drive has been started.

Every employee not purchasing bonds will be contacted and payment schedules shown him. Withholding authorization cards have been sent to each division and we hope to be able to show an increased participation by next pay day.

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No news from Buzz Lathe!

" " " Trigger Alley!

Ditto The Old Timer!

" Henry Riddick!

Come on fellows - if you want this paper let's have a little cooperation!!!

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When you make your job important, it will almost invariably return the favor.

Our dictionary is funny. It says the dumb can't talk.



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On August 8th David Eisenhower followed in the footsteps of his famous grandfather and paid a visit to the Denver Mint.

David had been attending a boys camp at Estes Park and the entire group came in two sections to see money made. David said he found everything very "inresting" and had all the poise and manners of a much older boy.

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Helen Lail has just passed her drivers test for a license and is now having fun as the proud owner of her parents car. Since they no longer use it, they decided Helen should be enjoying it.

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Betty Armbruster spent a recent weekend in Ulenwood Springs swimming and darkening her summer tan!

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Charlie Morris received the Callatin Award and the usual retirement gift of \$25.00 from his fellow workers on August 9th. Charlie likes his work at the beautiful new U. S. National Bank.

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Mr. & Mrs. Schneider drove home from San Francisco in 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> days, but were so afraid of Frisco traffic they put their car in the hotel garage for the duration of their stay.

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Joe Blount has returned to work but doesn't look like himself. The painful rash on his face has swollen enough to change his whole expression. Doctors still are unable to diagnose the cause after weeks of tests.

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Congratulations to Lou Monahan who received a \$100.00 award for his suggestion of sewing coin bags instead of closing them with string and seal. He also has a certificate of Award signed by the Director which he had framed and put on the wall near his desk.

The new method of closing was such a radical departure from the old method that the Award could not be made until Federal Reserve Banks had a chance to report their ideas on the change. The method will be tried in Philadelphia and if approved there Lou will receive a further award based on the savings there.

It is very significant that an employee who has worked here 35 years in every department in the Mint is still progressive enough to suggest such an important improvement. It is that sort of job interest that has kept the Denver Mint in the lead for suggestions for years.

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FLOWERS TO ---

Joe Blount - Illness  
Mrs. Ruth Hofacker - Death  
James J. McLaughlin - Illness  
Mrs. Agnes Reddish - Illness  
Mrs. Elvira Hoglund - Illness  
Mrs. Ruth Sexton - Illness

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CASHIER'S CORNER

By A. L. Philippus

Our thanks and appreciation to the General Department for installing the folding stairway. This is a vast improvement over the safety hazard formerly incident to use of the vertical ladder, use of which resembled the man on the flying trapeze. Tipton did a swell job in installing it.

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Elmer Hayes thinks if he brings his guitar down it will speed up the work. (Just so he plays it faster than he sings, or it might work the other way.)

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First argument of newly-weds. She: "Monday you liked beans, Tuesday you liked beans, Wednesday you liked beans. Now all of a sudden you don't like beans."

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Did you hear about the reformed drunk who wanted to write a new theme song for Alcoholics Anonymous --- but couldn't get past the first two bars?

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Mrs. Schneider is back with us again after a vacation trip to San Francisco where she and Mr. Schneider observed the excitement of the Republican Convention first-hand. She tells us that she almost froze to death and that people there were wearing winter coats. Other than that the trip was wonderful.

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Betty Armbruster is away on another vacation trip - this time with her mother and dad to visit in Eugene, Oregon, and then on to San Francisco to see the sights. How lucky can people get!

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Another returned vacationer is Frank Urich who went first to Salt Lake City and thence to Reno, Lake Tahoe and then to San Francisco, Monterey, Carmel and Fort Ord, where he and Mrs. Urich visited their son, Bob, for a few days. In Los Angeles they took in Marine Land and Disneyland. Frank says he dropped a dollar or two in Las Vegas, but in spite of this, he came back relaxed and happy and ready to go to work again.

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We are happy to have "Mac" McLaughlin and Leo Eakins back to work and feeling better.

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Captain Widmer batched for a week while sister Sophie took a vacation. He is trying harder than ever, now, to gain back that weight he lost while in the hospital plus the five pounds lost in eating his own cooking.

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If you can keep your head when all about you are losing theirs --- maybe you just don't understand the situation.

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Friends of George M. Spencer, who was employed here as Weigh Clerk from 1906 until 1943, were sorry to receive news of his death on August 15th. He and Mrs. Spencer attended the celebration of the Mint's Fiftieth Anniversary, when they renewed old friendships and reminisced about the "good old days."

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We were also grieved to hear of passing of Art Strauch on August 17th. He was employed at the Mint for 18 years, and worked in the Cashier, M. & R. and Payroll Divisions.

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#### AWARDS PROGRAM

Since August 1, 1947, the Denver Mint has led all other Mint Service offices in the number of suggestions received as well as the number of suggestions adopted and awards paid.

For nine years there has been an average of 31 suggestions submitted for consideration. This year, to date, we have only received three. Of course, we know everyone has been busy, working ten hours and Saturdays, and probably you don't feel like, or have the time to look around for ideas on safety or methods of improving production work conditions, etc. But, on the other hand, the increased workload could and should bring forth new ideas for improvement in present methods. We certainly haven't reached the peak of perfection and we should not be complacent about our present operating methods; to borrow a saying from the Denver Post, "There is no hope for the satisfied man," means just that - there is always room for improvement.

No matter how busy you are, there must be times when you say to yourself, "Well, there must be an easier way of doing this or that," or "They should do it this way and take care of such situations or conditions." The idea is not only to think about, but put down on paper or on one of the suggestion forms, any improvement that occurs to you. No matter how small or trivial the idea may be, it could be just the thing to lead to major changes and improvements.

It is suggested, especially to the new employees, that you consult your foreman or division head about anything new. They will always be glad to hear from you and know you are taking a real interest in your job. They'll never refuse to listen to you and will be glad to help develop your idea.

And to the foremen and division heads, encourage the suggestion program in all your talks and in your safety meetings. The program needs your backing and help, and can only be successful with your continual cooperation and support.

Maybe the Awards Committee is due a lot of criticism also. If so, let us know! We are here to help along too, and we certainly want to help. Don't keep it to yourself if we're wrong in evaluating suggestions. We can't benefit by mistakes unless we're told. So let's make the month of September a big month. Start thinking, give us your ideas. It could certainly benefit you financially and it won't hurt to try.

---Awards Committee

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Winston Churchill was once asked the qualifications for a politician. Without hesitation, he answered:

"It is the ability to foretell what will happen tomorrow, next month, next year ---and to explain afterward why it did not happen."

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# TRIGGER ALLEY

By Hugh Taylor

There has been very little activity on the range these days as the manpower has been rather short. But some of the men have taken leave and are getting some much needed diversion in fishing and taking trips.

The old horse rangler, Al Stahn and family went to Frontier Days to check up on his equestrian skill and to have a good time. They had a wonderful trip. The most interesting part of the show was the Grand Parade with Calamity Jane and Buffalo Bill Jr. as the main stars. You can see a man's heart can be won through his stomach, the chuck wagon race was the most interesting event with the steer riding coming in on a close second. Since they came back, they have put in a day or two fishing on Green Mountain Dam. Seems like the photo weighed more than the fish!

Dick O'Connell had a wonderful trip to North Dakota of a little more than two weeks.

Earl Schramm had a new daughter August 19, 1956.

Name - Mary Elizabeth Schramm  
Weight at birth - 6 lbs. 1 oz.    Present weight - 6 lbs. 4 oz.  
Height at birth - 21 inches      Present height - 22 inches  
Hair - auburn  
Eyes - brown.

She is a wonderful baby. Earl will be back September 4th to tell us more.

John Gresh took four weeks leave and so far we haven't seen anything of him, let you know next issue we hope.

Took Doc Wallace to Presbyterian Hospital. At the present time he is in traction for a bad back. We all hope the trouble is of a minor nature. We are all pulling for you, Doc.

We have a new Guard coming September 4th. Jim Valdez is his name. We all welcome him to the Mint family.

You want to ask Morgan, E. E. that is, just how far that rabbit was that he shot through the eye with a "38" or was it a "45"? That thar rabbit was running too, I hear.

Our tour leaders: Don Nelson, Tom Trembath and Wendell Reese have done a wonderful job this summer. They have taken just a few under 20,000 people through the Mint in just eight weeks. That is just 40 days of tours, or an average of 500 people a day. Through their quick thinking and the skill with which they handle crowds, we have gone through the summer without a hitch. They are getting very adept with ammonia ampules too. You should see them operate. One of the interesting names of the season was Wullschleger - pronounced Woolsleger - that's almost as bad as Jones.

"Skinny" Widmer is still working on gaining a pound or two.



## COIN SLANTS

By Gordon Porter

My most profound apologies to Bill Dayker for forgetting about his vacation. He and his family drove to Miami to meet his sister, who flew from Holland. They drove back to Denver and his sister spent several weeks being shown almost all of the state by both Bill and his wife. His wife then took her to Texas where she again boarded a plane back to Holland.

Ed Beston says the porch to his "Chick Sales" blew off during a high wind. Better make the next one more secure.

Walt Kasubke bought a power lawn mower, paid cash, he says. Ed B. says he hung a lantern on it to try it out after work.

## NEW CARS

F. O. Gonzales - new chevrolet  
Gene Varner - new chevrolet

Floyd Betts of the Annealing Room has bought a new home in Aurora. Five rooms and more lawn than he knows what to do with.

This weekend being the only three dayer of this year, some of the boys have already made plans.

Mike Foglesong is making a trip home.

Al Crabtree is planning a fishing trip.

Floyd Betts is going to Loveland and Estes Park where he has relatives,  
and I am just plain going fishing.

Best wishes for a swell three dayer.

## HOT CHIPS

By Buzz Lathe

Guess who is a "ground hog" in the U. S. Mint here? You can't, well, on Ground Hog Day of 1945 Bert Danielson came to work here. A ground hog works hard in the ground hog world and Bert has worked hard, long and faithfully ever since that February 2nd of 1945 (and, of course, before that) when he entered those big bronze doors out in front for the first time.

Born in southern Sweden on a farm near Vetlanda, a rich agriculture district near sea level. Bert came alone to this country when he was 19 years old; but not until after he had starred on the high school and community soccer teams. His two sisters and brother preceded him to this country, to Chicago in fact. Bert then came to Denver in 1931 during the depression and got a job as a miner up above timberline at Gold Crest Mine, 12,700 feet above sea level, travelling to and from work on an aerial tram which also brought the ore down.

Bert proved to be a good omen, for the owner was about to close the mine due to running out of ore when a rock fell from the ceiling of the entry hitting Bert on the back and exposing a rich vein of ore that kept the mine operating for a while longer. He served 2½ years in the Infantry during World War II.

Bert met his wife, Habel Ann, at a party at a mutual friends and married her eight years ago. They own their own home and his hobby is trout fishing on the western slope "high up in the Rockies".



HOT CHIPS  
(Continued)

How to stay young. "Wash your hands and face in the morning, and "neck at night".

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How to avoid the traffic in Denver. Go home from work at 3:00 o'clock in the morning.

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Gordon Porter reports the NEWS! No truer statement was ever uttered. He catches it if he don't report 'em, and he catches it if he does. So hew to the line and let the chips fall where they may. Gordon wasn't at work Tuesday due to a muscle spasm.

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SEE YOU LATER ALLIGATOR!

Which reminds me of the cannibal chieftain who wanted to be a gladiator and was always belittled by his mother-in-law. One day when the hunters had bagged no game and all were feeling the pangs of hunger, she was more troublesome than ever. After dinner the chieftain came out rubbing his fat tummy and said "GLAD-I-ATER".

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John Jamieson regrets having to lock the ventilator doors open in the east parking lot, but some of you have been closing them so vigorously that he was afraid of resultant damage.

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Whenever anyone leaves before they are closed, step to the outside phone and call 449. The engineer is supposed to close them before anyone is ready to leave, but if you find them still open the Guards will notify him.

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Our Captain Ed took Friday off to go out to the race track. Said he hadn't bought a bale of hay all summer and didn't want the horses to think he had forgotten them.

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"It is a funny thing, but true  
That folks you don't like, don't like you;  
I don't know why this should be so,  
But just the same I always know  
If I am 'sour', friends are few;  
If I am friendly, folks are too.  
Sometimes I get up in the morn  
A-wishin' I was never born;  
I make of cross remarks a few,  
And then my family wishes, too,  
That I had gone some other place  
Instead of showing them my face.  
But let me change my little tune,  
And sing and smile, then pretty soon  
The folks around me sing and smile;  
I guess 'twas catchin' all the while.  
Yes, it's a funny thing, but true,  
That folks you like will sure like you."

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Arthur Hodgson, first Assayer here, passed away August 28th at his home in Palo Alto. He visited here in July and appeared to be in good health.

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Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Miller and family vacationed in Yellowstone the early part of August.

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